

Railway Corporation contractors in village Kalay in South Goa;

(b) if so, whether any petition for payment of compensation has since been received by the Government in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the time by which the compensation is likely to be paid; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Konkani Railway alignment does not pass through the village Kalay.

(b) to (e). Do not arise.

[Translation]

Serial on Freedom Fighters in Uttar Pradesh

4008. SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to telecast any serial based on the lives of the prominent freedom fighters in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether the Government have received any proposal from the State in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Thirteen proposals under commissioned category on the lives and achievements of freedom fighters from Uttar Pradesh have been received from outside producers based in that State. These proposals are under process.

[English]

Waiting List in Kerala

4009. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government is aware that thousands of applicants are on the waiting list for telephone connections at various Telephone Exchanges under Cannanore Secondary Switching Area in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details regarding the exchanges and the number of applicants on each of the exchanges; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to expand the exchanges and to clear the backlogs within a short time?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details regarding the exchanges and the number of waiting applicants exchange-wise as on 30.11.96 is as per enclosed Statement.

(c) it is proposed to expand the switching capacity of exchange and add about 20000 telephone connections during '96-97 to clear part of the waiting list. The remaining waiting list will be cleared progressively during the next plan periods.

STATEMENT

Details of number of applicants in the waiting list in Cannanore Secondary Switching Area as on 30.11.96.

S.No.	Name of Exch.	Waiting List
1	2	3
1.	Achikanam	358
2.	Alacode	613
3.	Ambalathara	224
4.	Anjarakandy	2000
5.	Aralam	410
6.	Atteenganam	414
7.	BPM-Baliapattam VI	1129
8.	BPM-Baliapattom VII	0
9.	Balal	211
10.	Bandadka	225
11.	Bedadka	395
12.	Beamandy	328
13.	CNN-Cannanore VI	4414
14.	CNN-Cannanore VII	0
15.	Chapparapadavu	269
16.	Cheemeni	414
17.	Chemperi	337
18.	Chengala	795
19.	Cherukunnu	1483
20.	Cherupuzha	534
21.	Cheruvancherry	184
22.	Cheruvathur	1210
23.	Chittarikkal	466
24.	Chittariparamba	197
25.	Delampadi	119
26.	Edakkad	1206