

Lump Sum Road Tax on Personalised Vehicles

7279. SHRI CHIRANJI LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the stage at which the proposal of lump sum road tax payment of personalised vehicles in all States and Union territories stands at present; and

(b) the details of the scheme?

MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRAISHNAN): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[*Translation*]

Allocation For Expansion of Telephone Service in Maharashtra

7280. SHRI HARISHANKAR MAHALE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the allocations made for the expansion on telephone services in Nasik and other districts of Maharashtra during 1990-91; and

(b) when these Schemes are likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) It is expected to allot Rs. 120.20 crores to Maharashtra Telecom Circle for the year 1990-91 under Capital heads for development of Telecom services. Out of this about Rs. 2.39 crores is likely to be spent in Nasik on Projects costing Rs. 50 lakhs and more individually. The allocations will be subject to change in the light of actual receipt of equipment etc. during the course of the year.

(b) These schemes are likely to be implemented in 1990-91.

[*English*]

Collaboration with Foreign Countries for Development of Telecom Facilities

7282. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of collaboration agreements have been entered into with some foreign countries for development of telecom facilities during the last two years; and

(b) if so, the details of each agreement entered into?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir, the following collaboration agreements have been signed by the Department of Telecom during the period 1.4.88 to 31.3.90.

- (1) Cable Terminal Boxes with KRONE of West Germany.
- (2) Coin/Token Type STD Payphones with Tamura of Japan.
- (3) 6 CHz & 13 GHz Microwave Equipment with NEC, Japan.
- (4) Optical Fibre Cable and Line Equipment with NKT of Denmark.

National Telephone Link in Orissa

7283. SHRI D. AMAT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of places in Orissa which have been linked with the national Tele-