

ogy from foreign collaborators including Japan.

(d) The digital microwave system has been commissioned between Rajkot and Morvid during March '90. Analogue microwave system presently working between Gandhidham and Bhuj is proposed to be replaced by digital microwave system during the 8th Plan. These digital systems shall provide 480 numbers of high grade circuits. There are also plans for augmenting this capacity in future by installing 1920 channel optical fibre link between these places

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) Yes, Sir.

(g) It is proposed to instal an optical fibre link of 1920 circuits between Rajkot and Jamnagar.

[*Translation*]

**Automatic Telephone Exchange In
Napsari**

7296. SHRI KASHIRAM CHHABIL-DAS RANA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set up an automatic exchange of seven thousand lines in Napsari (Gujarat); and

(b) if so, the time by which this exchange is likely to be set up and the present position in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Allotment of an electronic automatic exchange has been made and the exchange will be set up in 1992-93, but this is subject to availability of equipment in time.

[*English*]

**Postal Stamp in Honour of Late Shri
Pasumpon Muthuramalinga Thevar**

7297. SHRI R. MUTHIAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government will consider a long pending demand to release a postal stamp in the Honour of Late Shri Pasumpon Muthuramalinga Thevar, the reputed Freedom Struggle Leader in Tamil Nadu; and

(b) if so, whether Government consider to release to stamp at least on his coming birth anniversary on 30 October of this year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) and (b). A Philatelic Advisory Committee functions in the Department to advise the Government regarding issue of commemorative, special postage stamps and other related matters. This proposal was placed before the committee, for consideration, at its meetings held on 25.5.1987 and 22.12.88 but it could not figure among those recommended by the Committee.

This matter will be placed before the committee again, for consideration, at its next meeting.

Out of Turn Telephone Connections

7298. SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new telephone connections sanctioned out of turn of priority basis during the month of September, October and November, 1989; and

(b) the grounds on which these tele-

phone connections were sanctioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Delay in Construction of Flyovers in Delhi

7299. SHRI Y.S. MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the fly-overs under construction in Delhi;

(b) whether most of these fly-overs are lagging behind the completion schedule; and

(c) if so, the actual cost of escalation on account of delay in their completion?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT: (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRIISHNAN); (a) The Delhi Administration, New Delhi Municipal Committee and Municipal Corporation of Delhi have intimated that the following flyovers are under construction:

- (i) Project consisting of Railway over-bridge No. 22 and flyover in extension of Outer Ring Road near Okhla Industrial Estate.
- (ii) ROB-cum grade separator on G.T. Road near Shahdara.
- (iii) Loni-Wazirabad Road intersection.

(b) Only one project consisting of Railway Over bridge No. 22 and fly over near Okhla, Industrial Estate is lagging behind the targetted completion schedule.

(c) The Delhi Administration has inti-

mated that it is too early to estimate the cost escalation as the construction period is not yet over.

Printing of Telephone Directories

7300. SHRI PRATAPRAO B. BHOSALE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether for convenience of people, M.T.N.L. had printed the telephone numbers of Public Call officers and Departmental Call offices in all its editions of Telephone Directories prior to current edition;

(b) whether Government propose to print all such numbers in supplementary editions of existing telephone directory; and

(c) if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The Public Call Offices are installed at prominent places like Post Offices, Railway Stations, Airports, busy markets, cinema halls etc. for the benefit of general public primarily for outgoing calls. The telephone numbers are not published in the telephone directory as it would not serve any useful purpose for the general public. On the contrary, it may encourage its use for incoming calls by some parties thereby keeping it frequently busy, causing inconvenience to the general public in making outgoing calls.

[*Translation*]

Sales Tax Evasion in Delhi

7301. SHRI BALESHWAR YADAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state: