

(b) if so, when and with what level;

(c) whether Government propose to transfer the 74 level of Shakti Nagar Telephone Exchange to some other level; and

(d) if so, when it will be transferred?

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

Subject to timely availability of equipment a new Digital Electronic Exchange to Code '718' is proposed to be opened by March, 1991 for Lawrence Road.

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir.

Subject to timely availability of allotted equipment, '74' level exchange of Shakti Nagar is expected to be retired during 1991-92.

[English]

#### **Declaration of Sunderbans as National Waterways**

8143. SHRI SUDHIR GIRI:  
SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISRA:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal for declaring the Sunderbans a National Waterway was received by Union Government from the West Bengal Government;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) the names of other Waterways which are proposed to be declared as National Waterways?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) and (b). A proposal for declaring the waterway stretch along the international steamer route from the confluence of the Rangafala channel with the Hooghly to the confluence of Beharikhal with Raimangal river on the international border of Sunderbans as National Waterway, which also has the concurrence of the State Government of West Bengal, is under consideration and the proposal is being finalised in consultation with Departments concerned.

(c) Besides, the Haldia-Allahabad stretch of the Ganga-Bhagirathi-Hooghly river system and Sadiya-Dhubri stretch of the Brahmaputra river declared already as National Waterways, the other waterways identified to be considered for declaration as National Waterways are as under:—

(i) West Coast Canal;

(ii) Godavari;

(iii) Krishna;

(iv) Narmada;

(v) Mahanadi;

(vi) Tapi;

(vii) Mandovi and Zuari river and Cumberjua Canal in Goa.

#### **Revamping of Fertilizer Corporation of India**

8144. SHRI KUSUMA KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Fertilizer Corporation of India tops the list of loss making public sector undertakings;