

a Sub-Division will be created as and when justified.

Filling up of SCs/STs Posts

*632. DR. BENGALI SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in each group lying vacant at present in his

Ministry and since when;

(b) the action being taken to fill up these vacancies; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH): (a) The number of posts reserved for SCs and STs in each group, lying vacant at present in Ministry of External Affairs is as follows:

GROUP	SC	ST	Since when lying vacant
1	2	3	4
A	—	—	—
B	1	6	3 from 1986, 2 from 1987 and 2 from 1988
C	5	3	From 1988
D	1	4	2 posts for STs since 1988, 2 posts for STs since 1989 and 1 for SC in 1990

(b) For Group B and C posts, vacancies have been conveyed to Department of Personnel and Training for filling them under the Special Recruitment Drive this year. For Group D posts, applications are being invited from eligible Casual Labourers working in the Ministry. If SC and ST candidates are not available among the Casual Labourers, requisition will be sent to the Employment Exchange for sponsoring SC and ST candidates.

(c) Does not apply

[English]

Portuguese Culture Central at Goa

*633. SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be

pleased to state:

(a) whether the Portuguese Government has made a request for setting up a cultural centre at Goa under the aegis of the Portuguese Embassy;

(b) if so, whether the request has been agreed to by Government; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH): (a) to (c). The Portuguese Government has made a request for setting up a Cultural Centre at Goa within the ambit of Government of India's policy guidelines on operation of such centres. The matter is under discussion

between the two Governments.

Meeting of the Re-Constituted National Integration Council

*634. SHRI KALP NATH RAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the reconstituted National Integration Council has held its first meeting,

(b) if so, the subjects discussed at that meeting.

(c) whether proposals were placed before the Council to tackle the problem of recurring communal tensions in the country, and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED) (a) Yes, Sir. It held its first meeting on 11th April, 1990.

(b) Communal situation in India. Increased use of violence by political/secessionist activists. Punjab situation; Kashmir situation; and Ram Janam Bhoomi-Babri Masjid issue.

(c) and (d). There was general discussion on all the subjects of the Agenda and after reviewing the communal situation in the country the National Integration Council resolved to set up a Committee to recommend a plan of action to effectively counter this growing menace

[Translation]

Telephone Connection in Bharouch

*635. SHRI CHANDUBHAI DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) the number of applicants on the waiting list for telephone connection till 31st January, 1990 in Bharouch;

(b) the time by which telephone connections are likely to be provided to them; and

(c) the steps proposed for early release of telephone connections to all the applicants on waiting list?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) 2143 as on 31st January, 1990.

(b) and (c) The equipped switching capacity at Bharouch has been recently expanded on 16.2.90 by conversion from 2400 lines manual to 5000 lines automatic exchange. 850 new telephone connections have been provided upto 31.3.90. In the year 1990-91, 1300 more new telephone connections are proposed to be provided and this will clear the waiting list upto 31st January, 90. Further expansion of the exchange by 2000 lines is proposed for 1992-93 which will help in meeting further demands at Bharouch.

[English]

S.T.D. Disconnections in Delhi

6619. SHRI KAILASH MEGHWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of Telephone Subscribers in Delhi who have got disconnected STD facility on their telephones and how many of them have got these disconnections as a protest against faulty billing by the Department;

(b) whether there has been any loss of