

struction of these projects from Central Road Fund;

- (c) if so, the details thereof; and  
(d) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) Government of Rajasthan has not sought Central assistance for the construction of Bhilwara bypass, located on a State road. As regards, construction of State Roads from Bhilwara-Shahpura (via Banera) and Shahpura-Jahajpur-Deoli, proposals have been received from the State Government for assistance under Central Road Fund.

(b) to (d). As the actual augmentation of Central Road Fund against which the proposals were invited has not yet taken place, the same have not been processed for approval.

[*Translation*]

**Microwave Centre at Jaspur in Raigarh District**

6644. SHRI NAND KUMAR SAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a Microwave Centre at Jaspur in Raigarh district;

- (b) if so, when; and  
(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) Jaspur is being given connectivity through 8 Mb/s (120 Chl.) High grade optical fibre system in the 8th plan period and therefore Microwave System is not being planned on this route.

**Salaries to Extra Departmental Employees**

6645. SHRI SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) since when the Extra Departmental Employees service is existing in Postal Departments and the details of the salaries and facilities being provided to them; and

(b) the State-wise number of Extra Departmental Employees in the country at present and the number of such employees who have been regularised in the Departmental services during the last three years and the scheme for regularising them in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) The Extra Departmental System, as a regular measure, was introduced in the year 1866-67. The Extra Departmental employees are not paid salary but they are paid monthly allowance subject to a certain minimum and maximum depending upon the workload. The allowance of all categories of Extra Departmental employees revised with effect from 1.1.1986 are as under:

<i>Category</i>	<i>Min.</i>	<i>Max.</i>
ED Sub postmaster and ED Sorter	385	620
ED Branch postmaster	275	440
All ED Stamp Vendors	270	420

<i>Category</i>	<i>Min.</i>	<i>Max.</i>
All other ED Agents.		
i) for less than two hours of workload.	Rs. 240 (Fixed)	
ii) for workload of two hours and above.	270	420

In addition to the aforesaid allowances, the ED Branch Postmasters are eligible to draw delivery and conveyance allowance upto a maximum of Rs. 50/- and office maintenance allowance upto a maximum of Rs. 25/- p.m. The ED Delivery Agents/ED Mail Carriers and eligible for grant of cycle allowance of Rs. 20/- p.m. There is also a provision to grant fixed stationery charges of Rs. 3/- per Extra Departmental Branch Postmasters/Extra Departmental Sub postmasters and Rs. 1/- in respect of other categories of ED Agents. From 1.1.90 the ED employees have become entitled to dearness allowance at the rate of 38/- of their basic allowance. They are also eligible for grant of ex-gratia gratuity and the maximum amount payable is Rs. 3000/- subject to a minimum service of 10 years. ED Agents can avail leave without allowances upto a maximum of 180 days. Besides this, flood advance of Rs. 100/- recoverable in 10 instalments is also sanctioned to ED employees as and when the same is sanctioned to regular government servants in the flood affected areas. The ED Agents are also entitled to productivity linked bonus on the basis of their actual emoluments.

(b) The information is being called from the postal Circles and will be placed on the table of the House.

[English]

#### STD Facilities in Orissa

6646. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposed to provide STD facilities in some more towns in Orissa during 1990-91;

(b) if so, the towns identified therefor;

(c) whether there is a proposal to introduce STD facility in Paralakhemundi and some other towns in Ganjam districts in Orissa;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether STD facilities would be provided to those towns in 1990-91?

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

(b) The following 11 stations are planned to be provided with STD facility during 1990-91: Aska, Bargadh, Chandipur Gunupur, Joda, Jatni Barbil, Kantabanji, Mowrangpur, Porlakhemundi, Rajgangpur.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Paralakhemundi and Aska.

(e) Yes, Sir, subject to availability of equipment.

#### Agitation by Ladakhi Buddhists Association

6647. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state: