

Solution of outstanding issues between India and Nepal

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Indian delegation visited Nepal recently to discuss the bilateral issues between the two countries.

(b) if so, the outcome thereof;

(c) whether any mutually acceptable solution to outstanding issues has been evolved; and

(d) if so, the broad features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) Yes, Sir. An Indian official delegation led by the Foreign Secretary visited Kathmandu from March 31 to April 3, 1990 to discuss the bilateral issues with Nepal

(b) to (d). As desired by the Nepalese side, the Indian side handed over to them a comprehensive draft covering various aspects of the bilateral relationship. The Nepalese side requested for some more time to study the draft and give their reaction. We agreed to this request.

Funds Allotted for Development in Telephone Service in Orissa

6729. SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS
Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) the funds allotted for developing

telephone service in Bhubaneswar, Cuttack and various other district in Orissa State during 1990-91; and

(b) the time by which the development 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. 26 crores to Orissa Telecom Circle for the year 1990-91 under Capital heads for development of telecommunication services. Out of this, about Rs. 52 lakhs is likely to be spent in Bhubaneswar and Rs. 24 lakhs in Cuttack on switching projects costing Rs. 50 lakhs and more individually. A major portion of the investment of Rs. 26 crores is on the development of the network which will benefit the entire State of Orissa including Bhubaneswar and Cuttack. The allocations will be subject to change in the light of actual receipt of equipment etc., during the course of the year.

(b) Different ongoing projects will be completed on different dates. The following major switching transmission projects are likely to be commissioned in 1990-91 subject to availability of equipment.

Telephones: Expansion of Bhubaneswar E 10B exchange from 5000 to 7000 lines. Installation of a 1500 lines RLU at Mancheswar presented to Bhubaneswar exchange.

Installation of 2000 lines RLU at Cuttack presented to Digital TAX at Cuttack.

Opening of 2048 port ILT Exchange at Jeypore.

LDPTs: Opening of 1100 LDPTs using 2/15 shared Radio System in Koraput District.

TELEX: 100 lines Electronic Telex