

(b) The following steps are being taken by the Government for realisation of the dues:

- i) In so far as Government dues are concerned the same are being pursued at the level of Chief General Managers and the Directorate. The Chairman, Telecom Commission, has also written to the Chief Secretary of the State for clearance of dues.
- ii) In the case of private subscribers, the following steps are taken:
  - (a) Pursuit by means of personal contact and offer of receiving payment in instalments, when requested for the same
  - (b) Disconnection of other telephones of the same subscriber, if there is more than one connection working for him.
  - (c) Legal action.

**Establishment of C-DOT Office in Chicago, USA**

6734. SHRI M.G. SEKHAR:  
SHRI R. GUNDU RAO:  
SHRI Y. RAMAKRISHNA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the C-DOT has established/started an office in Chicago, U.S.A.

(b) if so, whether the prescribed guidelines in respect of setting up a liaison cell office of a Government of India Undertaking/Society overseas were followed in this case:

(c) whether the C-DOT expenditure in Chicago was borne by an American firm and was later reimbursed by C-DOT after obtaining RBI permit;

(d) whether C-DOT has violated FERA rules; and

(e) if so, what action Government propose to take on C-DOT and the officials responsible?

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

(b) to (e). Information is being collected and will be placed on the table of the house as soon as it is ready.

[Translation]

**Filling up of posts reserved for SC/ST in Ministry**

6735. DR. BENGALI SINGH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the category-wise number of posts reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes lying vacant in the Ministry and since when;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) The category-wise number of posts reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and the year since when these posts are lying vacant in the main Secretariat of Ministry of Surface Transport is as under:

YEAR	Group 'A'		Group 'B'		Group 'C'		Group 'D'	
	SC	ST	SC	ST	SC	ST	SC	ST
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1988	-	-	5	3	4	3	-	-
1989	2	3	14	8	17	8	-	-
1990	1	-	3	2	19	5	1	-

The information regarding the subordinate offices of the Ministry of Surface Transport is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) and (c). In some of the cases selection formalities have been completed and offers of appointment sent to the candidates selected. Action has been taken to fill up the remaining vacant posts also.

#### **Removal of Private Buses under DTC**

6736: DR. BENGALI SINGH:  
SHRI HARI SHANKAR MAHALE:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of increasing incidents of molestation of women passengers and accidents Government propose to remove the private buses under D.T.C. operation; and

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be done?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISSHANN): (a) and (b). No case of molestation of women passengers in the private buses under DTC operation has been reported to the DTC during the period from October, 1989 to 31st

March, 1990. 28 private buses were disengaged from DTC operation on account of their involvement in fatal accidents during the above mentioned period. However, there is no proposal to remove the private buses from the DTC operation on these counts.

#### **Linking of Tehsils in Bharouch District with Delhi by STD**

6737. SHRI CHANDUBHAI DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tehsils in Bharouch district in Gujarat linked through S.T.D. with New Delhi;

(b) the steps proposed to be taken by Government for providing the S.T.D. facility to the framing tehsils; and

(c) the time by which this facility is likely to be provided to all the tehsils?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Brouch (Bharuch) is the only tehsil headquarter linked with New Delhi through STD.

(b) and (c). The remaining 10 Tehsil Headquarters of Brouch district are planned to be provided with S.T.D. facility during the 8th Plan period.