

Change in Geographical Names

2899. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of proposals for the change in geographical names which are pending with Government; and

(b) what are the guidelines laid down and followed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED):

(a) Out of the proposals for change in the names of villages, districts and railway stations etc. received from

different State Governments between 1st January, 1991 and 31st December, 1993, 15 proposals are pending. Details are enclosed in a Statement (See below).

(b) The existing guidelines contain various broad principles which are required to be kept in view by the State Governments while examining the question of change in the names of villages, towns, cities etc. The guidelines, inter alia, mention that unless there is some very special reason, it is not desirable to change a name which people have got used to; that a change should not be made on grounds of local patriotism or for linguistic reasons or for merely satisfying local sentiments.

Statement

No. of Proposals pending disposal (1-1-91 to 31-12-93)

S. No.	Proposal from which Govt.	Subject
1	Madhya Pradesh	Village Gadapali to Gangaoali.
2	Rajasthan	Gram Ghata to Gajpur.
3	—do—	Char Bhuja Railway Station to Amet Char Bhuja Road.
4	Gujarat	Vishwamitri Railway Station. Vishwamitri Railway Junction.
5	Madhya Pradesh	Jaloda-Shajapur Railway Station to Jaloda-Panwadi Railway Station.
6	Maharashtra	Village Pimpalgaon Hajam as Pimpalgaon Kute.
7	—do—	Village Chambharwani as Chndanpur.
8	Haryana	Village Islamgarh to Chuchakvas.
9	Rajasthan	Narvasi Railway Station as Khyali Narwasi.
10	Haryana	Village Tohana Khera to Dohana Khera.
11	Bihar	Taragana Railway Station to Masodi Railway Station.
12	Maharashtra	Village Ekambi Laman Tando to Jaysingpur.
13	—do—	Village Soldoha to Kumprappagram.
14	Gujarat	Village Bhadra to Guntcet Nagar.
15	Karnataka	Majare-Herakatte of Malali Village as Chakranagar.