

Sl. No.	State/U.T.	Average per capita cost (Rs.)
5	Haryana	218
6	Himachal Pradesh	300
7	Jammu & Kashmir	316
8	Karnataka	56
9	Kerala	92
10	Madhya Pradesh	200
11	Maharashtra	135
12	Manipur	410
13	Meghalaya	460
14	Nagaland	397
15	Orissa	75
16	Punjab	300
17	Rajasthan	230
18	Sikkim	360
19	Tamil Nadu	100
20	Tripura	250
21	Uttar Pradesh	196
22	West Bengal	70
23	A & N Islands	900
24	Arunachal Pradesh	750
25	Chandigarh	..
26	Delhi	430
27	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	..
28	Goa, Daman & Diu	90
29	Lakshadweep	..
30	Mizoram	324
31	Pondicherry	184

Tubewells in Kamdi Area of Jammu and Kashmir

*254. SHRI SHARIEF-UD-DIN SHARIQ: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of tubewells on which construction has so far been completed, by the Ground Water Board, in the Kandi area of the Kashmir valley; and

(b) what is the further programme of drilling of tube wells in Jammu and Kashmir by the Board?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) The Central Ground Water Board have so far constructed 9 exploratory tubewells in the Kandi area of Kashmir Valley.

(b) The Central Ground Water Board has a programme of constructing 27 exploratory tubewells, 7 observation wells and 7 slim holes upto 1983.

Construction of Quarters for Class III and IV Employees of the P and T Department in West Bengal Circle

*255. SHRI LEONARD SOLOMAN

SARING:

SHRI PRASENJIT BARMAN: '-

SHRI ALEXANDER WARJRI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 24 quarters for the Class III and IV employees of the Post and Telegraph Department have been approved and budgeted during 1980-81 under the Divisional Engineer, Telephones Gangtok in the West Bengal Circle;

(b) whether it is a fact that land for the construction of the quarters is available or has been acquired near the existing two quarters inside the Raj Niwas premises; and

(c) if not, how long will it take to acquire the land and what will be the location?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI C. M. STEPHEN): (a) Yes; Sir,

(b) and (c) The new quarters are proposed to be constructed on the land forming part of the compound of the existing quarters in the occupation of the P&T Department since 1955-56. The land, however, originally belonged to the residency complex and is shown in the occupation of the Central Government in the land records prepared during the period 1950—54.

The local municipality needs a possession certificate in favour of the P&T Department before approving the proposed construction. The matter has been taken up with the appropriate authorities in this regard and is being pursued expeditiously.

U.G.Cs policy in giving grants to the Universities

*256. SHRI K. C. SEBASTIAN: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the new policy adopted by the University Grants Commission of giving grants to universities and colleges has created hurdles in the promotion of higher education in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that many projects started with the University Grants Commission grants are now paralysed due to paucity of funds; and

(c) whether the Kerala University have made any representation to the Central Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) & (b) No, Sir. The Commission has not adopted any new policy for payment of grants for implementing schemes already approved.

(b) While grants are being paid for approved projects under implementation, the Commission has, due to constraints of resources, advised Universities and Colleges to defer for the present approved construction programmes, which have not actually been started. The Colleges have also been advised to defer placing fresh orders for purchase of books and equipment against sanctions conveyed.

(c) No, sir.

Fixation of Minimum Pay for Postal Employees

*257. SHRI SURENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the minimum pay per month fixed for the lowest category of the post office employees;

(b) whether any stamp vendors have been employed by Government at the sub-post offices of Taran-Taraa, Amritsar, Patti and if so, what is the number of such employees;

(c) what are the daily duty hours of each of them, (i) the monthly pay; and (ii) other service conditions; and

(d) whether they are eligible to the facilities which other postal employees enjoy; if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI C. M. STEPHEN): (a) The minimum pay per month of a regular departmental post office employee in the lowest category *i.e.* group 'D' is Rs. 1961 - p.m. Inclusive of Dearness Allowance, it is Rs. 340.80 p.m.

In respect of the lowest category of Extra Departmental employees for a work load of two hours per day, the minimum remuneration is Rs. 105/- p.m.

(b) to (d) Information is being collected.