

Indian Express Newspaper, Ltd., on a plot of land which was allotted to them by Government earlier and had been partly kept vacant. The Lt. Governor, Delhi, constituted a committee on 1st March, 1980 consisting of the following:

1. Shri W. Shaiza, Chief Secretary, Delhi.
2. Shri N. C. Kochar, Secretary (Law and Judicial), Delhi Administration, Delhi.
3. Shri P. Chakraborty, Dy. Commissioner (Food & Supplies) Delhi Administration, Delhi.

The report of the committee has been received by the Lt. Governor and is under his consideration. Further action will be taken after Lt. Governor has considered the report.

Delay in commissioning of Navrang-pura Ellisbridge Exchange of Ahmedabad

546. PROF. RAMLAL PARIKH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work on extension of additional capacity of Navrang-pura/Ellisbridge exchange of Ahmedabad is delayed;

(b) if so, what was the schedule of its commissioning and reasons for the delay;

(c) what is the category-wise waiting list for each telephone exchange in Ahmedabad; and

(d) by when Government propose to provide connections to all the applicants?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI C. M. STEPHEN): (a) No, Sir. To provide relief to the Navrangpura/Ellisbridge areas a 2000 line expansion (from 10,000 to 12,000 lines) was planned, and was normally due to be commissioned in 1980-81. 1000 lines out of this have been commissioned in October 1979 ahead of schedule. Remaining 1000 lines are expected to be commissioned in 1980-81.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The total number of applications on waiting list as on 25th February, 1980 was 8651. The exchange-wise waiting list under different categories and the registration dates upto which applicants in general category have been already sanctioned connections are given at Annexure.

(d) It is expected that applicants registered upto 29th February, 1980 will by and large be provided with telephone connection, progressively by the end of 1982-83.

Statement

Category-wise waiting list in each Exchange at Ahmedabad is as follows

Sl. No.	Exchange	Waiting list as on 1-3-80			Total	Date upto which general category has been released
		OYT	Special	General		
1	Ambawadi	9	3	388	400	31-3-77
2	Cantonment	44	23	584	651	31-1-78
3	Central	52	39	916	1,007	31-5-76

Sl. No	Exchange	Waiting list as on 1-3-80			Total	Date upto which general category has been released
		OYT	Special	General		
4	Ellisbridge . . .	30	4	128	162	31-10-79
5	Navrangpura . . .	213	117	2,002	2,332	30-11-77
6	Railwaypura-I . . .	55	27	827	909	28-2-79
7	Railwaypura-II . . .	14	4	300	318	31-12-78
8	Railwaypura-III . . .	42	2	976	1,020	30-9-78
9	Raipur Gate . . .	36	20	558	614	14-2-79
10	Sabrwati . . .	5	1	362	368	31-1-78
11	Vasna . . .	14	5	188	207	31-10-79
12	Naroda . . .	9	2	89	100	30-6-79
13	Odhav . . .	12	9	173	194	31-12-78
14	Vatwa . . .	59	29	281	369	28-2-78
TOTAL		594	285	7,772	8,651	

Export of animals to foreign countries

547. PROF. RAMLAL PARIKH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of useful animals are being exported to slaughter houses in foreign countries;

(b) whether Government are aware of the discontentment of the large section of people in India because of increasing export of different animals to slaughter houses in foreign countries;

(c) whether Government have received any representations to stop export of animals for being slaughtered in foreign countries;

(d) if so, what action Government have taken on these representations;

(e) what is the number and type of animals exported in each quarter of 1979 and 1980; and

(f) whether Government propose to reduce the quantity of export of these animals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c), (d) and (f) Some representations have been received. The representations received would be kept in mind by the Ministry of Commerce at the time of framing export policy for the next year.

(e) Quarterwise figures are not available. During the year 1970, 50,670 Sheep and 1,15,718 goats were exported to different countries. Figures for the year 1979 are not available at the moment.

Appointment of the Animal Welfare Board

548. PROF. RAMLAL PARIKH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have constituted an Animal Welfare Board;

(b) if so, who are the members thereof;

(c) what is the sphere of activity of the Board;