

Expansion of Okhla Telephone Exchange, Delhi

♦489. SHRI KHURSHED ALAM KHAN: SHRI JAGDISH JOSHI; SHRI SYED AHMAD HASHMI;

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state (a) whether it is a fact that the Okhla Telephone Exchange has been provided with additional telephone lines; and

(b) if so, whether the total requirements of pending requests for telephone connections and the additional requirements for Nehru Place and other centres in the area are likely to be met thereby?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI S. D. SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir. Recently on 3-1-76, 800 lines have been added to the Okhla Exchange raising its capacity to 4,100 lines.

(b) This additional capacity will partly meet the pending requests for telephone connections and the additional requirements for Nehru Place and other centres in the area.

CIA Officials in U.S. Diplomatic Corps

*490. SHRI HARSH DEO MALAVIYA: DR. V. B. SINGH: SHRI SARDAR AMJAD ALI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state: (a) whether Senator McGovern's visit to India was private or in his capacity as the Chairman of the South Asia Sub-Committee of U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee;

(b) whether it was brought to the notice of the Senator that known CIA personnel, as has been identified in Philip Agee's book are posted in India; and

(c) if so, what was the reaction of the Senator?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN): (a) Senator McGovern visited India

in his capacity as Chairman of the Near East and South Asia Sub-Committee of the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee. He called on the Prime Minister, Foreign Minister and Minister of Agriculture.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. These discussions centred on bilateral and international issues of mutual interest with a view to promoting better understanding between India and the United States. However, the question of the role of foreign forces and the danger of external intervention in this region came up for discussion in a general way.

Package Deal for Night-Shifts in Factories

*491. SHRI BIR CHANDRA DEB BURMAN: SHRI SANAT KUMAR RAHA:

SHRI YOGENDRA SHARMA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state: (a) whether it is a fact that the six Chambers of Commerce of Calcutta have offered a package deal for night-shifts in factories;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is Government's decision thereon?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI K. V. RAGHUNATHA REDDY): (a) to (c) This falls in the State sphere and no information is readily available in the Ministry of Labour. The information when received from the State Government of West Bengal will be laid on the Table of the House.

Opening of an ITI Unit in West Bengal

*492. SHRI NRIPATI RANJAN CHOUDHURY: SHRI NABIN CHANDRA

BURAGOHAIN: DR. RAJAT KUMAR CHAKRABARTI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state (a) whether Government proposed to open a unit