

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. In the month of April 1973. During this period telegrams relating to serious illness, accidents, arrivals and departures only were transmitted on wire--and remaining were despatched to their destinations by the fastest available means,

(c) A Press note was issued advising senders of telegrams regarding delay in transmission. All postal authorities were also informed to advise senders accordingly.

(d) and (e) A few complaints were received and dealt with according to procedure in vogue.

Tribal Development Blocks

1370. SHRI P. K. KUNJACHEN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tribal development blocks functioning at present, together with their place of location; and

(b) the number of new blocks likely to be opened in the year 1973-74 and their location?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI F. H. MOHSIN): (a) There are 504 Tribal Development Blocks in the country. A statement showing the number and names of blocks in each State/Union Territory is attached. [See Appendix LXXXV, Annexure No. 91.]

(b) In view of the financial constraints, no new Tribal Development Block will be opened during the year 1973-74.

Production of Electricity from Atomic Power Stations

1371. SHRI M. K. MOHTA: Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the wattage of electricity being produced by the Atomic Power Stations in the country at present as against their installed capacity and the areas being fed by them; and

(b) the present stage of progress of the atomic power stations being set up and

when these stations are likely to be commissioned?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) and (b) Presently, the Tarapur Atomic Power Station is the only atomic power station under commercial operation. It has an installed capacity of 420 MWe and has up to the end of July 1973 produced about 6,750 million units of electricity. Power generated by this Station is supplied in equal measure to Maharashtra and Gujarat. The first unit of the Rajasthan Atomic Power Project, with a capacity of 200 MWe, which was synchronised to the grid on November 30, 1972, is at present undergoing commissioning tests and is expected to start commercial operation towards the end of 1973. This unit has been producing power intermittently at levels up to 114 MWe. Power generated by this Unit is being made available for the present to the Rajasthan State Electricity Board. The second unit of the Rajasthan Atomic Power Project and the first and the second units of the Madras Atomic Power Project are presently under construction and are expected to attain criticality in 1975, 1976 and 1979 respectively. Full commissioning can be expected a few months thereafter.

Memorandum against Chief Minister of Mysore

1172. SHRI P. R. KUNJACHEN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any memorandum containing several charges against the Chief Minister of Mysore, Shri Devraj Urs has recently been presented to Government by some Mysore legislators;

(b) if so, the details of the charges; and

(c) the action taken thereon by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) to

(c) Two memoranda containing allegations against the Chief Minister and other Ministers of Mysore have been submitted to the Prime Minister by some MLAs of

Mysore. Comments of the Chief Minister have been called for on the allegations contained therein which are awaited. The allegations relate to misconduct, favouritism, abuse of power, maladministration, etc.

Cross Bar Exchanges in Delhi

1375. SHRI M. K. MOHTA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the cross bar-exchanges installed in South, Centre and West Delhi over the past two years have basic defects in designing and manufacturing and have been giving constant trouble resulting in frequent complaints from the subscribers;

(b) if so, whether any inquiry has been made with regard to their defective designing and manufacturing and whether the matter has been taken up with the manufacturers; and

(c) if so, the result thereof and the steps taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA): (a) Certain deficiencies in circuitry and manufacturing defects have been causing failures of calls in the crossbar exchanges installed in Delhi.

(b) Investigations have been carried out and the matter has been taken up with the manufacturers.

(c) After detailed investigations of all the defects noticed it has been decided to rectify these defects. Modification work is already in progress in Jorbagh, Karolbagh and Janpath crossbar exchanges in Delhi.

Skyjacking of Nepalese Plane

1374. SHRI SHYAMLAL GUPTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons arrested in connection with the sky-jacking of a Nepalese Plane;

(b) whether interrogation of these persons has been completed; and

(c) if so, the results thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI H. MOHSIN): (a) The Bihar Police have arrested 2 persons so far.

(b) and (c) Necessary verifications and inquiries are in progress.

Jayanti Villages for Harijans

1375. Miss SAHOO PURUSHOTTAM KHAPARDE:

SHRI P. S. PATIL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a scheme to construct houses for Harijans in "Jayanti Villages" as part of the 25th Independence year celebrations;

(b) if so, how many villages will be developed and with how many houses in each of them; and

(c) what is the number of such villages to be developed in Maharashtra?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI H. MOHSIN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 5,069 "Jayanti Villages" have been selected for development during the 25th Independence year celebrations. The information regarding the number of houses constructed or to be constructed for Harijans in each of these villages is not available.

(c) The number of such villages to be developed in Maharashtra is 479.

Use of Staff Cars by Officers

1376. DR. K. MATHEW KURIAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of times the staff cars of Press Information Bureau were requisitioned by Ministers and officers of his Ministry, during the last one year;

(b) whether in such cases of requisition by the Ministry the log books were signed by the officers of Press Information Bureau; and

(c) the number of vehicles maintained by the Ministry and different media agencies of the Ministry in Delhi Area?