

be contributed by M/s. Automobile Products of India Ltd., and the general public.

(c) and (d) Government will have 51% share-holding in the proposed company and, therefore, the project will actually be in the public sector. However, Government have decided to associate M/s. Automobile Projects of India Ltd. and M/s. Innocenti in the project for the following reasons :

(i) The present proposal has emerged out of an initial proposal submitted by M/s. Automobile Products of India Ltd. who have been manufacturing Lambretta scooters in collaboration with M/s. Innocenti of Italy for the last 10 years or so, that they should be permitted to purchase the entire manufacturing facilities of the Italian firm on "as is where is" basis and to set up these facilities in India to manufacture 100,000 scooters per annum.

(ii) Participation by the Indian firm and the Italian firm will bring to the project the benefit of the experience of both of them in management and production techniques and result in the speedy implementation of the project.

VISIT OF MINISTER OF COMMUNICATION TO VILLAGE BARSARA

722. SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that he visited Ghazipur during June, 1972, and

(b) whether he attended a reception meeting arranged by a notorious criminal of U. P. at his house in village Barsara and that the said host was wanted in several police cases ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA) : (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) No, Sir.

PERSONS ARRESTED UNDER M. I. S. ACT

723. SHRI SUHRID MULLICK CHOWDHURY :

SHRI MONORANJAN ROY :

SHRI NIREN GHOSH :

DR. K. MATHEW KURJAN :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to reply to Starred Question

No. 258 given in Rajya Sabha on the 18th May, 1972 and state :

(a) the number of persons who have since been arrested throughout India under the Maintenance of Internal Security Act and Prevention of Unlawful Activities Act and what is their political affiliations ;

(b) how many of such persons are still in Jail ; and

(c) state-wise break up of such arrested persons ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI F. H. MOHSIN) : (a) to (c) A statement giving relevant information in respect of the period from the 1st May, 1972 to the 31st July, 1972, is attached. [See Appendix LXXXI Annexure No. 45]

APPLICATIONS FOR TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS IN CALCUTTA

724. SHRI KALI MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of applications received for new telephone connections in Calcutta from 1st January, 1969 to 30th June, 1972 ;

(b) the number of persons provided with new telephone connections in Calcutta from 1st January 1969 to 30th June, 1972 ;

(c) the average waiting period for new telephone connections in trading sections and residential areas of Calcutta, respectively ; and

(d) whether it is a fact that experts have estimated that the new national economy growth factors would push up the telephone demand in Calcutta to well over 3 lakhs by the year 1973-74 ; if so, the action proposed to be taken by the Government to meet such a demand ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA) : (a) A total number of 27 184 applications were received for new telephone connections in Calcutta from 1st January, 1969 to 30th June, 1972.

(b) 16,073 applicants were provided with new telephone connections during the period ;

(c) The average waiting period of new telephone connections in Trading Sections is 2

years for OYT, 3 years for Special Category and 9 years for General Category. The average waiting period for residential areas is 1 year for OYT, 2 years for Special Category and 10 years for General Category.

(d) Based on a Survey in 1969 which was carried out for the Fourth Five Year Plan, the Calcutta Telephones had assessed the anticipated demands in 1973-74 to be about 3 lakhs. However, as per present indications these demands will not come up. There was actually a steep fall in demands of nearly 67,000 during the year 1970-71. Demand has again picked up during 1971-72 and the present growth judged from 1971-72 figures is about 9,500 per year. The demand as on 31-3-72 was about 1,50,000 and the expected demand in 1973-74 is only about 1,70,000. With the limited equipment available, it is not possible to completely eliminate the waiting list in the near future. The Government is taking action to increase the capacity of Calcutta Telephones by about 60,000 lines during the next 6 years. In addition, the Government are taking steps to augment production of switching equipment, availability of which alone can solve this problem.

TAMIL SENA

725. SHRI T. V. ANANDAN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether this is a fact that a "Tamil Sena" has been formed by the Ruling Party in Tamil Nadu ;

(b) if so, what are the reactions of the Central Government ;

(c) whether Government will permit other political parties in the country to form similar senas also ; and

(d) if not, why ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI F. H. MOHSIN) : (a) According to information earlier furnished by the Government of Tamil Nadu, the Tamil Sena was formed at Madurai in April, 1963 with Shri S. Muthur, M. L. C. of D. M. K. as President.

(b) to (d) No permission of Government is required for the formation of voluntary organisations. It is expected that they would conform to the requirements of law.

जन सम्पर्क संस्थान में प्रशिक्षणार्थी

726. श्री राम सहाय : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) इस समय भारतीय जन सम्पर्क संस्थान में कितने प्रशिक्षणार्थी हैं, किन-किन स्थानों पर हैं और प्रत्येक स्थान पर कितने प्रशिक्षणार्थी हैं ; और

(ख) उन देशों के क्या नाम हैं जिनके नागरिक इस संस्थान में प्रशिक्षण प्राप्त कर रहे हैं ?

† [TRAINEES IN THE INSTITUTE OF MASS COMMUNICATIONS]

726. SHRI RAM SAHAI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the number of trainees at present in the Indian Institute of Mass Communications, the names of places and the number of trainees at each place ; and

(b) the names of foreign countries whose nationals are receiving training in the Institute ?]

सूचना और प्रसारण मन्त्रालय में उपमन्त्री (श्री धर्मवीर सिंह) : (क) इस समय भारतीय जन सम्पर्क संस्थान में 34 प्रशिक्षणार्थी प्रशिक्षण ले रहे हैं। संस्थान की कोई शाखा नहीं है और सभी पाठ्यक्रम नई दिल्ली में संस्थान के स्थान के अन्दर ही चलाये जाते हैं।

(ख) इस समय कोई भी विदेशी नागरिक संस्थान में प्रशिक्षण नहीं ले रहा है। तथापि 11 देशों अर्थात् कोरिया, घाना, उगान्डा, तनज़ानिया, मलेशिया, लंका, फिलिपाइन्स, बोट्सवाना, भूटान, नाइजीरिया तथा थाइलैंड के बीस उम्मीदवारों (विदेशी) की विकासशील देशों के निपत्रकारिता में 8 महीने के स्नानकोत्तर डिप्लोमा कोर्स में प्रवेश लेने की उम्मीद है। यह कोर्स 1 सितम्बर, 1972 से चालू होगा।

† [THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI DHARAM B SINHA) : (a) At present 34 trainees :

† [] English translation.