

STATEMENT		
Name of States/ Union Territories	No. of Long Distance PCOs. opened from 1-1-64 to 30-6-64	*No. of Long Distance PCOs. proposed to be opened from 1-7-64 to 31-12-64
	In rural areas,	Others
Andhra	14	22
Assam	7	8
NEFA	6
Nagaland
Tripura	2	1
Manipur	2	6
Bihar	36	12
Goa	12
Gujarat	31	19
Jammu and Kashmir	2	3
Kerala	9	5
Madhya Pradesh	14	13
Madras	35	50
Maharashtra	16	23
Mysore	16	34
Orissa	5	21
Punjab	9	4
Himachal Pradesh	4	2
Rajasthan	25	3
U.P.	16	36
West Bengal	16	10

♦Subject to the availability of stores in time.]

PAKISTANI TRENCHES IN THE LATITILLA-DUMABARI SECTOR

347. SHRI S. C. DEB: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether- it is a fact that new trenches had been dug by the Pakistani riflemen in the Latitilla-Dumabari Sector of the Cachar-East Pakistan border; and

(b) if so, whether more danger is apprehended at the time of harvesting crops by the Indian cultivators?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A. M. THOMAS) : (a) Yes. On the evening 'of 7th September 1964 Pakistanis were seen digging trenches in an area 900 yards north-

j west of Putni bridge in the Latitilla-Dumabari Sector.

(b) The Latitilla-Dumabari area had been quiet for some time. However, on 7th September 1964, East Pakistan Rifles opened unprovoked fire from their bunker towards our border outpost in the area. It is not possible for us to say what is in their mind for the future.

ALLIANCE BETWEEN PAKISTAN, IRAN AND TURKEY

348. SHRI U. S. DUGAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan, Iran and Turkey have entered into an alliance for various purposes outside NATO; and

(b) whether Government have considered the effect 'of this alliance on Indian interests?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH): (a) and (b) Government have seen reports of an alliance called—Regional Cooperation for Development, between Pakistan, Iran and Turkey. This is primarily the concern of the three sovereign States that have joined in the alliance. Government are fully alive to any repercussion that this or any other alliance might have on Indian interests.

I FAILURE OF INDO-PAKISTAN BORDER TALKS

349. SHRI A. D. MANI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be I pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the border talks between the survey officials of West Bengal and East Pakistan ended in a deadlock on July 20 last; and

(b) 'on what grounds the talks hav»