Construction of New Telephone Exchange Building in Imphal

1061. SHRI N. TOMBI SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction of new telephone exchange building in Imphal has been completed;

(b) if so, when the new telephone exchange is likely to start functioning; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JAI PRAKASH): (a) The construction of the building is not yet completed.

(b) The installation of new 5000 Lines E-10-B Exchange is at hand. The new exchange is likely to start functioning by 31.12.1991.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

Development of Tourism in Manipur, Mizoram and Nagaland

1062. SHRI N. TOMBI SINGH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to provide Central assistance to boost tourism in Manipur, Mizoram and Nagaland during the last three years;

(b) whether the Union Government propose to extend hotel facilities in these States to encourage tourism; and

(c) the concrete measures taken in this regard so far and the future plans, if any, for the said purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI USHA SINHA): (a) A list of schemes to provide infrastructure to promote tourism in Manipur, Mizoram and Nagaland during the last three years is given below as a Statement.

(b) and (c). The Union Government through the Indian Tourism Development Corporation had provided managerial services to the State-owned 45 room Hotel Imphal Ashok, Imphal in manipur between February 28, 1986 to March 1990. It is also offering managerial services to the State-owned 31 room 3-star Hotel Japfu Ashok, Kohima in Nagaland w.e.f November 14, 1988.