

(a) whether a S.D.O's office is proposed to be opened in Ranikhet to improve tele-communication services in Almora district of Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the time by which said office is likely to be opened there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) There is no proposal to open SDO's office at Ranikhet as it is not justified at present.

(b) Question does not arise.

Opening of Post Offices in balaghat District of Madhya Pradesh

2516. SHRI KANKAR MUNJARE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of post offices in Madhya Pradesh, district-wise,

(b) whether there is any proposal to open new post offices in different Panchayats of Balaghat district;

(c) if so, the number of new post offices likely to be opened during 1990-91;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) when Government propose to open new post offices in this region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) The information is furnished in the Statement given below.

(b) to (e). The Department is at present carrying out an evaluation of the Seventh Plan programmes so as to formulate appropriate norms for opening of post offices in the Eighth Plan. State and district targets are expected to be laid down thereafter.

STATEMENT

Madhya Pradesh

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>No. of Post Offices</i>
1	2	3
1.	Morena	250
2.	Bhind	242
3.	Gwalior	188
4.	Datia	98
5.	Shivpuri	218
6.	Guna	181
7.	Tikamgarh	178

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<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>
8.	Chhatarpur	210
9.	Panna	142
10.	Sagar	218
11.	Demoh	155
12.	Satna	269
13.	Rewa	312
14.	Shahdol	487
15.	Sidhi	191
16.	Mandsaur	299
17.	Ratlam	174
18.	Ujjain	199
19.	Shajapur	168
20.	Dewas	166
21.	Jhabua	160
22.	Dhar	184
23.	Indone	158
24.	West Nimar	291
25.	East Nimar	214
26.	Rajgarh	163
27.	Vidisha	159
28.	Bhopal	128
29.	Sehore	167

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<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>
30.	Raisen	196
31.	Betul	216
32.	Hoshangabad	247
33.	Jabalpur	387
34.	Narsinghpur	182
35.	Mandla	213
36.	Chhindwara	261
37.	Seoni	188
38.	Balaghat	217
39.	Surguja	268
40.	Bilaspur	634
41.	Raigarh	403
42.	Rajnandgaon	207
43.	Durg	324
44.	Raipur	577
45.	Bastar	544

Setting up of new Telephone Exchanges in Madhya Pradesh

1517. SHRI KANKAR MUNJARE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications pending

for new telephone connections in each telephone exchange of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether Government propose to set up any new telephone exchanges in Madhya Pradesh during 1990-91;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and