

Opening of New Post Offices in Rural and Backward Areas of Bihar

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) whether Government propose to open new post offices in rural and backward areas of Bihar during 1990-91,

(b) if so, whether any survey has been conducted in this regard, and

(c) if so, the details and location thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) (a) There is an approved programme of extension of postal network in Annual Plan 1990-91. This includes Bihar also

(b) and (c) It is proposed to formulate new norms for opening of post offices in the Eighth Plan based on an evaluation, already undertaken of the Seventh Plan programme. Proposals for new post offices in rural/backward areas in Bihar as in other States are to be formulated as soon as the new norms are finalised

[English]

Waiting List for Telephone Connections in Karnataka

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(a) the number of persons of the waiting list for telephone connections in Bangalore city and other cities in Karnataka State,

(b) the time by which all the applicants are likely to be provided with telephone connections, and

(c) the time by which electronic exchanges will be provided in all District Headquarters/cities in Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) (a) The information for Bangalore city and other cities is given in attached Statement

(b) The objective of the 8th Plan is to provide telephones on demand in exchanges of capacities below 5000 lines and to contain waiting list to one year in exchanges having a capacity of 5000 lines and above by the end of the Eighth Plan on the basis of present demand projections. With this objective expansion plans are being drawn for clearing the present waiting list progressively during the Eighth Plan period

(c) By the end of the 8th Plan it is expected that out of the 19 district headquarters, 6 district headquarters will have electronic exchanges and 4 others will have a mix of electronic and other exchanges. The remaining district headquarters/cities will be provided with electronic exchanges as a replacement when these exchanges become life expired in line with the policy of the Department

STATEMENT

Sl No	Name of City	Waiting list as on 31 7 90
1	2	3
1	Bangalore	50700