

**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**

3629 SHRI Y RAMAKRISHNA Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(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

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>Name of City</i>	<i>Waiting list as on 31.7.90</i>
1	2	3
2.	Hubli Dharwad	4195
3.	Mysore	3252
4.	Bagalkot	85
5.	Belgaum	954
6.	Bellary	720
7.	Bhadravathi	558
8.	Bidar	136
9.	Bijapur	194
10.	Channapatna	124
11.	Chikmagalur	153
12.	Chitradurga	186
13.	Davangere	1190
14.	Gadagbetgeri	212
15.	Gangavathi	98
16.	Gulbarga	1612
17.	Harihar	74
18.	Hassan	463
19.	Hospet	149
20.	Kolar	105
21.	K.G.F.	72
22.	Mandya	251
23.	Mangalore	3942

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>Name of City</i>	<i>Waiting list as on 31.7.90</i>
1	2	3
24.	Rabkavi	19
25.	Raichur	408
26.	Ranebennur	82
27.	Shimoga	1306
28.	Tumkur	1492
29.	Karwar	186
30.	Madikeri	80

#### **Introduction of Luxury Buses in Delhi**

3630. **SHRI Y.S. RAJA SEKHAR REDDY:**  
**DR. C. SILVERA:**

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce "Luxury buses" on very busy route in Delhi; and

(b) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) and (b). A proposal is under consideration for introduction of Special stage Carriage Services on selected routes in Delhi, which will operate on a fare structure higher than that of Delhi Transport Corporation. The scheme is intended to attract those, who normally use private vehicles, to use public transport. The details of the scheme have not been finalised.

#### **Setting up of Telephone Exchange in Pauri Garhwal, U.P.**

3632. **SHRI C.M. NEGI:** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal is under the consideration of Government to set up a Telephone-Exchange either in Pauri or Kotdara, Pauri Garhwal Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, when the exchange will be opened; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Telephone exchanges are already functioning at Pauri and Kotdwar.

(b) and (c). Question does not arise in view of (a) above.

#### **Four-Laning of National Highways in Andhra Pradesh**

3633. **SHRI J. CHOKKA BAO:** Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the total length of National Highways having four-lane in southern India, State-wise;

(b) whether there is any proposal for