

to four lanes has been approved by Government

(b) if so, the time by which the work is proposed to be started and the target date fixed for its completion, and

(c) if not, the reasons for delay?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K P UNNIKRISHNAN) (a) to (c) The proposal for widening the Bombay Agra National Highway No 3 from K M 414 to 418 to four lanes is included in the Annual Programme 1990-91 and is under finalisation is consultation with the State Government. It is too early to indicate the target date of completion.

**Post Offices in each Gram Panchayat in Bihar**

3708 SHRI R L P VERMA Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the number of panchayats in Jamun Begabad Dewari, Gadeya, Birani, Bagodar, Tisari Ganva Giridih, Ghanwar blocks of district Giridih and Satganva, Markaccho, Kodarma Barkatha, Jainagar and Echak blocks of Hazaribagh district where at least one branch post office in each panchayat has been opened as per the policy of the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House. There is, however, no policy at present of opening one branch post office in each gram panchayat.

[English]

**Visit of External Affairs Minister to Nepal**

3709 | SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA  
| GAVIT  
| SHRI R N RAKESH

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether he visited Nepal during August, 1990 for discussing the implementation of the recent Indo-Nepal Agreement, and

(b) if so, the outcome of the discussions held by him with Nepalese Ministers?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I K GUJRAL) (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. My recent visit to Nepal from August 5-7, 1990, helped maintain the momentum of the Indo-Nepal relations. My discussions with the Prime Minister of Nepal included the question of the implementation of the provisions of the Indo-Nepal Joint Communiqué. India had fulfilled all its commitments before July 1, 1990. Certain items remain to be implemented by the Nepalese side and we hope that this would be done soon. Fresh possibilities for widening Indo-Nepal cooperation were explored.

**Separate Mahanagar Telephone Nigams for various States**

3710 SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA  
GAVIT  
SHRI R GUNDU RAO  
SHRI HARISH RAWAT  
SHRI R N RAKESH  
SHRI D M PUTTE GOWDA  
SHRI HARISH PAL  
DR BENGALI SINGH  
SHRI R M BHOYE  
SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) whether there is any proposal to form separate Mahanagar Telephone Nigams (MTNs) for various State Capitals for improving the telephone services,

(b) if so, the places where these will be formed,

(c) the time by which the proposal is likely to be implemented; and

(d) the funds allocated for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) There is no definite proposal at present to convert the telecom systems at the various State capitals into separate Mahanagar Telephone Nigams. The Department of Telecommunications is, however, examining the pros and cons of restructuring its field organisations in the light of the experience of working of MTNL for Delhi and Bombay and other relevant factors.

(b) to (d). The questions do not arise in view of (a) above.

[*Translation*]

#### **S.T.D. Facility in States**

3711. SHRI SHEO SHARAN VERMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether S.T.D. facility is still not available in some States;

(b) if so, the time by which these States are likely to be connected by S.T.D. facility; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) All the State Capitals have been provided with STD facility. Many District Headquarters in various States have also been provided with STD facility; remaining Distt. Headquarters have been planned for provision of STD facility on priority during 8th Plan period. It has been planned to provide STD facility to Sub-divi-

sional Headquarters also during this Plan period.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

#### **Printing of Postal Stationery**

3712. SHRI SHEO SHARAN VERMA:  
SHRI HARISH PAL:  
SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the places where postal stationery is printed in the country;

(b) whether Government propose to set up more such printing presses in view of the increasing demand thereof; and

(c) if so, the location thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Postal Stationery is printed at India Security Press, Nashik and Security Printing Press, Hyderabad.

(b) At present, there is no proposal to set up more such printing presses.

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

#### **Installation of Public Telephone In Jhuggi Jhonpri Colonies in Delhi**

3713. SHRI SHEO SHARAN VERMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to install public telephones in Jhuggi Jhonpri Colonies of Delhi;

(b) if so, whether Government have conducted any survey in this regard;