

(a) whether the Government of Uttar Pradesh has sent a revised proposal regarding World Bank assistance for drinking water supply in rural areas;

(b) if so, the estimated cost and details of the proposed project;

(c) whether the Union Government have held discussion with the World Bank in this regard; and

(d) if so, the time by which the said proposal is likely to be approved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAM BAHADUR SINGH): (a) and (b). A preliminary proposal has been initiated by Government of Uttar Pradesh for World Bank assistance. The final project covering cost, scope, time frame for implementation, etc., is yet to be prepared.

(c) The World Bank Appraisal Mission had held discussions with the State Government and Central Government.

(d) The State Government is required to prepare the strategy document for identification/selection of villages/districts/community participation by 31.12.1990 and the project scope by 28.2.1991 for consideration by the Central Government and World Bank Mission.

Public Call Offices in Almora

148. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether requests have been received for opening of Public Call Offices at

Sauni Chunlia, Harda, Marchula, Basot, Bherankhal of Almora district and in the Gaulikhal of Pauri district in Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, when they are likely to be opened at those places?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JAI PARKASH): (a) Requests for setting up PCO at Sauni Chulia, Marchula and Bherankhal at Almora District and Gaulikhal of Pauri District have been received.

(b) P.C.O. at Sauni has been opened. PCO at Marchuli Bheragkhal and Gaulinkhal are likely to be opened by March 1992 subject to timely receive of the stores, PCO at Chunlia is not covered under the Hexagon scheme as one PCO is already working in the hexagon concerned.

[English]

Wait ing list for telephone Connections

149. SHRI KAMAL CHAUDHRY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications for new telephone connections pending in Delhi and in NOIDA as on date, exchange-wise;

(b) whether the Government propose to open new telephone exchanges and to raise the capacity of the existing ones in Delhi and NOIDA to cope up with the demand for telephone connections and reduce the waiting list;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time