

Year	Rs.—Crores
1992-93	400.16
1993-94	395.36
1994-95	948.76

[English]

### Telephone Connections

\*320. SHRI UDAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to provide telephone connections of all categories on demand in country by end of 1996;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the normal period for release of telephone connections in each metro city;

(d) whether the Government propose to reduce the normal release period for telephone connections of all categories during the current year;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. There is no proposal to provide telephone connections on demand in the country by 1996. But as per National Telephone Policy, 1994, there is a proposal to provide telephone connections on demand by the year 1997.

(c) The normal period for release of telephone connections in the Metro-cities is of the order of two years except in a few areas where due to delay in provisioning of infrastructure facilities, the release may take more time.

(d) to (f) Yes, Sir. National Telecom Policy, 1994 envisages provision of the telephone connections on demand all over the country by the year 1997. In order to achieve this objective, D.O.T has targeted provision of 29.26 lakh DELs for the year 1995-96.

### \* Second Channel of DD In AP

3066. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a second channel of Doordarshan in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the place identified thereof; and

(c) the time by which the above proposal is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO) : (a) to (c) Whereas Metro Channel (DD 2) service is available throughout the country, including the entire State of Andhra Pradesh, through satellite mode with the help of an appropriate dish antenna system, terrestrially the service is being relayed, at present, by the Low Power TV Transmitter (LPT) at Hyderabad in the State. A scheme for upgradation of the existing LPT at Hyderabad to High Power TV Transmitter (1KW) is presently under implementation. Further extension of the service in the State would depend on availability of resources and other infrastructural facilities for the purpose,

[Translation]

### Poverty Eradication Programmes

3067. SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have reviewed the implementation of various poverty eradication programmes in Bihar;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof;

(c) if, not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the time by which these programmes are likely to be reviewed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The three major Centrally Sponsored Programmes for poverty eradication which are being implemented in the rural areas of the county including Bihar are :

(i) Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP);

(ii) Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY); and

(iii) The Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS). These programme are reviewed regularly by the Central Level Coordination Committee. The State Level Coordination Committee and at the district level by the Governing Body of the District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs). In addition, physical progress is monitored by the Ministry of Programme Implementation.

The Ministry of Rural Areas and Employment introduced a scheme of Area Officers in 1993 under this a team of officers visit States and give first hand account of existing problems and progress at the field level with reference to the various schemes of the Ministry of Rural Areas and Employment.

In addition, the Ministry of Rural areas and Employment undertakes periodic concurrent evaluation of their major programmes.