

[English]

**GSI Survey in Assam**

2398. SHRI KESHAB MAHANTA : Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Geological Survey of India has conducted any survey in Assam during the last three years:

(b) if so, the details of mineral reserves found there:

(c) whether the Government propose to intensify efforts for exploration mineral deposits in the state, and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the last three years only one item of mineral investigation viz. Resource Survey for dimensional stones of Burapahar area, Karbi Anglong districts was taken up. Reserves are yet to be calculated.

(c) and (d). It is a continuous process of Geological Survey of India. The GSI undertakes the survey in the country including Assam as approved by Central Geological Programming Board. The proposal for 96-97 includes two investigations for gold and other possible mineralisation in Karbi Anglong, Goalpara and Kamrup Districts, Assam during the Field Season 1996-97.

[Translation]

**Post Offices in Rural Areas**

2399. SHRI VIRENDRA KUMAR SINGH : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a lack of Post Offices, in rural areas of Bihar.

(b) the number of Post-offices opened in the rural areas of the state during the last three years, district-wise:

(c) whether the Government propose to open new Post Offices in the State during 1996-97:

(d) if so, the district-wise details thereof and by when; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) No, Sir. Out of 11,771 Post Offices in Bihar, 11,047 Post Offices are functioning in the rural areas which constitute 93.8% of the total Post Offices in Bihar.

(b) The number of Post Offices opened in the rural areas of Bihar during the last three years, district-wise is given in the attached Statement.

territory-wise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) It is proposed to open 10 Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices and 11 Departmental Sub Post Offices under Annual Plan, 1996-97. District-wise targets are not being allocated as Post Offices are opened keeping in view the norms based justification and merits of each proposal.

(e) Question does not arise in view of (d) above.

**STATEMENT**

*Number of Post Offices Opened in the Rural Areas in Bihar Circle during the last three years (District-wise)*

S. No.	Name of District	Nos. of Post Offices opened		
		1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Munger	2	-	-
2.	Saran	3	-	-
3.	Nawada	2	-	-
4.	Gaya	4	-	-
5.	Jahanabad	1	-	-
6.	Nalanda	1	-	-
7.	Buxar	2	-	-
8.	Bhagalpur	1	-	-
9.	Patna	2	-	-
10.	Ranchi	4	-	-
11.	W. Singhbhum	4	-	-
12.	Palamau	3	-	-
13.	Bokaro	1	-	-
14.	Chapra	1	-	-
15.	Rohtas	1	-	-
16.	Banka	1	-	-
17.	Sitamarhi	2	-	-
18.	Dumka	3	-	-
19.	East Champaran	1	-	-
20.	West Champaran	1	-	-
21.	East Singhbhum	3	-	-
22.	Sahibgunj	2	-	-
23.	Lohardaga	8	-	-
24.	Vaishali	2	-	-
25.	Gumla	4	-	-
26.	Bhojpur	2	-	-
27.	Deoghar	1	-	-
28.	Madhepura	2	-	-
29.	Katihar	1	-	-
30.	Kishanganj	1	-	-
31.	Hazaribagh	1	-	-