

Security Force to Guard Airports

6448. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up an exclusive security force to guard airports and air strips across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the number of personnel and the airports proposed to be guarded; and

(c) the estimated amount involved therein?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) to (c) The proposal to set up an exclusive security force to guard some of the airports is under consideration of the Government.

Rajkot Telecom District

6449. DR. VALLABHABHAI KATHIRIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) waiting list of telephones for rural and urban areas of Rajkot telecom district of Gujarat State;

(b) the plan of the Department to vanish this waiting list;

(c) the number of convertor and small equipments are needed to fulfil the equipments of rural areas of the Rajkot Telecom district;

(d) whether there is any demand for Rajkot city area for full-fledged exchange to fulfil the requirement; and

(e) if so, the time by which the Government is going to provide it?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) Waiting list as on 1-4-97 for rural and urban areas of Rajkot telecom district of Gujarat State is as under:-

Rural Areas	4712
Urban Areas	13869

(b) It is planned to clear this waiting list by June, 1998 subject to availability of materials and equipments.

(c) The equipment required for the rural areas of Rajkot Telecom district is as under:

- Upgradation Kits-30
(128P C-DOT to 256P C-DOT)
- 256p C-DOT-50
- New SBM Exchanges-5
- SBM Expansion:
 - LM 1-3
 - LM 2-1

(d) No, Sir. There is no requirement for a main exchange in Rajkot city at present.

(e) Not applicable in view of reply at (d) above.

[Translation]

Analytical Cost

6450. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the analytical cost and the amount spent on the construction of building and installed equipments in the newly built Telecommunication Centre at Bharatpur in Ujjain;

(b) the total capacity of consumer Telephone connections of the said exchange and the action plan for expansion in phasis; and

(c) the date on which the said exchange was ready for commencing working and the date on which the Ministry or the Department of Telecommunications would issue directives for commissioning of formal functioning of the said exchange?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) (i) Details of the estimated cost of the building and Equipment for Bharatpur Exchange in Ujjain Rs. 22.31 crs.

(ii) Actual amount spent on construction of building and installed equipment in the newly built Telecom Centre-information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) (i) Ultimate capacity of exchange:

700 lines for local and 2000 lines for TAX.

(ii) Action Plan for Expansion in phases:-

Consumer connections: 4000 lines by June 1997 and 3000 lines by Sept. 1997.

Tax:

1000 lines by June 1997

1000 lines by Sept. 1997.

(c) The above mentioned work was commenced around 5.10.1996. Out of 7000 lines, 3000 lines are likely to be ready for working by June 1997 and remaining 4000 lines by Sept. 97. Similarly 1000 lines of TAX is expected to be ready by June 97 and remaining 1000 lines by September, 1997.

[English]

Purchase of Machinery in BSP

6451. PROF. RITA VERMA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent on purchase of spare parts,

pipes, conveyer belt, motor, and other machinery in Bokaro Steel Plant (BSP) during each of the last three years;

(b) whether items worth crores of rupees are lying open in the premises of Bokaro Steel Plant;

(c) if so, the details and value of items lying there unused; and

(d) if so, the reasons for non-utilisation of these items?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA): (a) The value of receipt under various categories for the last three years is as follows:

Category	(Rs. in Crores)		
	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
Mechanical Spares	156.44	100.54	114.78
Pipes	6.24	5.14	7.14
Conveyor Belts	9.65	10.41	9.11
Motor and other Electrical spares	27.94	21.12	21.34

The figures for 1996-97 are under audit.

(b) to (d) All items are received in the stores. The stores have both covered and uncovered areas for storing various types of items. The items are kept in the covered stores or uncovered stores depending on the nature of the item and logistics for handling the same. The unmoved items in the uncovered area are heavy mechanical spares, forgings, castings, heavy structural items, heavy pipes etc. The value of such items as on 31.3.1996 is approximately Rs. 21.00 crores. The unmoved items also include insurance spares which are kept in the stores to meet the requirement during unexpected failure of spares. Some of the items are meant to be used during capital repairs/major revamping of equipments. Items are being issued/received in the uncovered area as and when required.

Modernisation of Telegraph Services in M.P.

6452. SHRI VISHVESHWAR BHAGAT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken any initiative for the modernisation of telegraph services in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise;

(c) whether any budgetary allocations have been made for this purpose during the current financial year;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by when the modernisation of telegraph services likely to be completed in Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Under the modernisation programme of the Telegraph Network, microprocessor based Store and Forward Message Switching Systems (SFMSS), Electronic Key Board Concentrators (EKBCs), Formatted Terminal Concentrators (FTCs) FAX, Electronic Terminals like Formatted Terminals, Electronic Teleprinters have been installed in M.P. The district wise details are given in the attached statement.

(c) and (d) No separate budgetary allocation has been earmarked.

(e) The modernisation of telegraph services in Madhya Pradesh has already been done to a great extent. However, it is an ongoing process.

Statement

District-wise information regarding modernisation of telegraph services in Madhya Pradesh

District	SFMSS		Ports	FAX
	64L	32L		
1	2	3	4	5
Balaghat			1	1
Bastar			1	1
Betul			1	1
Bhind			1	1
Bhopal	1		3	6
Bilaspur			3	2
Chhindwara			-	1
Dhar			2	2
Dewas			1	2
Damoh			1	1
Durg			1	1
Datia			2	2
Guna			1	1
Gwalior			1	2
Hoshangabad			2	3
Indore		1	2	4
Jabalpur		1	3	6
Jhabua			3	5
Khandwa			1	1
Khargone			2	2
Mandla			1	2
Mandsor			1	1