

1	2	3
87.	Durgapur (S)	5000
88.	Gopalmath	152
89.	Gopalpur	152
90.	Panagarh Bazar	1000
91.	Rajbandh	152
Total		73790

Statement-II

Plan to increase the capacity in Bardhaman Distt of West Bengal (Exchange-wise)

Sl. No.	Name of Telephone Exchange	Present capacity (in Lines)	Net expansion proposed in 97-98
1	2	3	4
1.	Asansol	11000	6000
2.	Burnpur	2000	500
3.	Balgona	176	160
4.	Bidhannagar	2000	1000
5.	Burdwan	7750	2000
6.	Baidyapur	208	128
7.	Chittaranjan	2000	1000
8.	Daiohat	184	152
9.	Domohani	184	152
10.	Durgapur-I	4000	1000
11.	Durgapur-S	5000	2000
12.	Durgapur-CC	3000	1000
13.	Gangatikuri	88	64
14.	Jaugram	184	152
15.	Kalna	1400	600
16.	Kasemnagar	192	144
17.	Keodra	88	64

1	2	3	4
18.	Kudrun	88	216
19.	Kuchut	88	64
20.	Kurmun	88	64
21.	Memari	1400	768
22.	Nadanghat	88	64
23.	Nutandanga	184	152
24.	Patuli	88	64
25.	Panuria	184	152
26.	Parulia	184	152
27.	Panchanantala	184	152
28.	Panagarh	1000	1000
29.	Sahebgunj	88	64
30.	Simlon	184	152
31.	Shyamsundar	184	152
		43 586	19,332

Development Work in Madhya Pradesh

240. SHRI VISHVESHWAR BHAGAT :
SHRI PAWAN DIWAN :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the development works decided to be executed in the areas in Telecommunication and Postal sector in Madhya Pradesh during the current year;

(b) whether some of the works started in the current year are incomplete; and

(c) if so, the details of these works and reasons for not completing these works ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) The details of development works decided to be executed in the areas in Telecommunication and Postal sector in Madhya Pradesh during the current year (1997-98) are given in Statement-I and Statement-II respectively.

(b) and (c) The development works planned for

current year (1997-98) in Telecommunication and Postal sector are likely to be completed by 31.3.98 during the Annual Plan period.

Statement-I

The details of important development works in Telecommunication planned in Madhya Pradesh during the current year (1997-98) are as under :

S.No	Name of item	Annual Plan target for 1997-98
1.	Net Switching Capacity	88000 lines
2.	Direct Exchange Lines	70000 Nos.
3.	TAX Capacity (gross)	26000 Lines.
4.	Village Public Telephones	5500 Nos.

Statement-II

Details of important developmental works identified in the postal sector in Madhya Pradesh during the current year are :

1. Target for opening of 2 departmental sub post offices and 37 Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices has been set.

Post offices are sanctioned subject to fulfillment of income, population and distance norms. In M.P. only three Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices have been sanctioned during the year.

2. Installation of 80 multi purpose counter machines in 45 Post Offices in Madhya Pradesh is envisaged.
3. Ten extended Satellite Money Order centres are to be linked with the Very Small Aperture Terminal (VSAT) at indore, for on line receipt and transmission of Money Orders.
4. On going projects, in respect of construction of postal buildings and staff quarters are the priority for the current year. No new project has been taken up so far during the current year.

Utilisation Capacity of Andal Sainthia Section

241. DR. RAM CHANDRA DOME : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

- (a) the utilisation capacity of the Andal-Sainthia section of Eastern Railways;

(b) the planning of the Railways to increase the frequency of Andal-Sainthia DMUs;

(c) whether the Government are considering to construct double rail line and electrify this section;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the manner in which the Government are considering for better utilisation of this section ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) The utilisation capacity of Andal-Sainthia section is as under :

Andal-Ukhra (12.01 Km)	–	100%
Ukhra–Pandabeswar (8.33 km)	–	65.2%
Pandabeswar–Sainthia (53.06 km)	–	78.6%

(b) There is no proposal at present.

(c) From Andal to Pandabeswar twin line already exists. Doubling of Pandabeswar–Sainthia section is not being considered at present. There is no proposal to electrify Andal-Sainthia line.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) As utilisation depends on demand of transport, the same will improve as the demand for transport originating on and via this route increases.

Waiting List in Assam

242. SHRI UDDHAB BARMAN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of persons who are in the waiting list seeking telephone connections in Assam, exchange-Wise;

(b) whether the Government have drawn any time-bound programme to provide them telephone connections;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by when the waiting list is likely to be cleared ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) The total number of persons in Assam waiting for new telephone connections is 24827 as on 31.3.97. The exchange-wise waiting list position is indicated in the Statement enclosed.