

Telephone Facility in Post Offices of Orissa

3952. SHRI GOVINDA CHANDRA MUNDA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of post offices in Keonjhar, Mayurbhanj and Sundergarh districts in Orissa where telephone facility is not available at present; and

(b) the time by which telephone facility is likely to be provided in all the above Post Offices?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The number of Post Offices where Telephone facilities are not available at present are as under:

<i>Name of Distt.</i>	<i>No. of Post Offices without Telephone Facilities</i>
1. Keonjhar	284
2. Mayurbhanj	593
3. Sundergarh	307

(b) The Department has planned to provide Telephone Facilities in all village Panchayats during 1991—95. These Telephones will be located at Post Offices, Panchayat Offices, Grocer's Shop or other suitable places with public Access.

[English]

Integration of Intelligence Agencies

3953. SHRI SUDHIR SAWANT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to integrate the functioning of the various intelligence agencies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal to set up an office of Chief of Intelligence; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b) There is no such proposal at present.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Introduction of Commercial Data Service

3954. SHRI PRATAPRAO B. BHOSALE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Commercial data Service has been introduced in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether terminal for this service have since been installed at some places in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the expenditure incurred thereon;

(e) whether this service will help development of rural areas;

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(g) whether some more terminals are to be installed in the country in the near future?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The commercial data service has been introduced with the commission of Remote Area Business Message Network (RABMN). This is a satellite based Data Network comprising of Master Earth Station co-located with Delhi Earth Station at Sikandrabad (UP) & users' owned Very Small Aperture Terminal (VSAT) installed at their premises.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) 77 VSATs have been installed so far at different user premises throughout the country. The present unit cost of VSAT is about Rs. 5.2 lakhs.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) The introduction of this network will provide direct data communication facilities to remotely located project sites, mines, industries in rural areas which will help in enhancing the socio-economic conditions of rural areas.

(g) Yes, Sir.

STD Facility in U.P., M.P. and Rajasthan

3955. SHRI CHETAN P.S. CHAUHAN: SHRI BALRAJ PASSI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have provided STD facility to cities/towns having an estimated population of 1,00,000 or above;

(b) if so, the names of such cities/towns in Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan which have not so far been provided with STD facility;

(c) the reasons therefor;

(d) the action proposed to be taken to extend STD facility to each town of these States;

(e) whether cities/towns having population of less than one lakh have been provided with STD facility; and

(f) if so, the details of such cities?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir; except a few.

(b) In Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh all cities/towns having population of more than one lakh (as per 1961 Census) have been provided with STD facility.

But in U.P. four such cities i.e. Amroha, Farukhabad, Jhansi and Sambha have not been provided with S.T.D. facility.

(c) Due to the non-automatisation of the manual exchanges at these places and in addition non-availability of transmission media for Amroha and Sambal consequent to the shortages of equipment.

(d) S.T.D. facility to each town of these States would be provided as per Eighth Plans objectives. Eighth Plan objectives in regard to the provision of STD facility are as follows:—

- i) All the DHQs not covered in the Seventh Plan period.
- ii) All sub-divisional headquarters, equivalent Tehsil/Block Development headquarters.
- iii) All telephone exchanges of capacity 500 lines and above as on 1.4.90.
- iv) All tourist centres, industrial growth centres, pilgrim centres.
- v) Other automatic exchanges justified by traffic and subject to feasibility.

(e) No, only partly provided.

(f) The details are given in the attached Statement.

STATEMENT

The following Cities/Towns in U.P., M.P. and Rajasthan having population of less than one lakh as per 1961 census have been provided with S.T.D. facility:—

Uttar Pradesh—(124)

Almora, Amethi, Anandnagar, Anpara, Ayodhya, Azamgarh, Badaun, Badohi, Bakshi Ka Talab, Ballia, Balrampur, Banda, Bansgaon, Barabanki, Barausa, Baraut, Barhgalanj, Basti, Beejpur (Rihandnagar), Bhatparrani, Bijnore, Biswara, Campierganj, Captainganj, Chatta, Clement Town (Dehradun), Dadri, Deoband, Deoria, Dewasharif, Dhanpatganj, Dostpur, Etah, Fatehpur, Gauriganj, Ghazipur, Gokul, Golabazar, Gonda, Gopeshwar, Gopiganj, Hamirpur, Handla, Hardoi, Hamahi, Hathras, Jagdishpur, Jagdishpur Ind. Area, Jamo, Jaswantnagar, Kadipur, Kannauj, Kasganj, Kashipur, Kasia, Kauriram, Khamria, Khurja, Kichha, Koeripur, Kosikalan, Kurebhar, Kurebhor, Lakhimpur-kheri, Lalitpur, Lambhua, Loni, Maharajganj, Mahmoodabad, Mainpuri, Malihabad, Mankapur, Mathura-refinery, Mauaima, Maunathbhanjan, Modinagar, Mohanlalganj, Mugalsarai, Musafirkhana, Mussoorie, Naini (Allahabad), Nainital, Nandganj, Narora, Nautanwa, Nawabganj, Noida, Orai, Padrauna, Pauri, Phaphamau-Allahabad, Phulpur, Phulpur (Allahabad), Pilibhit, Pithoragarh, Pratapgarh, Premnagar (Dehradun), Raebareilly, Raja-Ka-Talab, Rajpur (Dehradun), Ramganj, Ramnagar, Raniganj, Ranikhet, Foorkee, Rudrapur, Salempur, Sandila, Sardarnagar, Shahjandwa (Gorakhpur), Shaktinagar, Shergarh, Shikohabad, Shukalabazar, Sidharthnagar, Simiri, Siswa Bazar, Sitapur, Soorajpur, Sultanpur, Tundla, Ujhani, Unnao, Vrindaban.

Madhya Pradesh—(34)

Adampur, Ambikapur, Berasia, Balaghat, Bhind, Chhindwara, Datia, Dewas, Dhar, Damoh, Dhamtari, Hoshangabad, Itarsi, Jaora, Jagdalpur, Jhabua, Khargone, Mandasaur, Mhow, Morena, Mandideep, Mandla Misrod, Nagda, Obedullaganj,

Pithampur, Rajnandagaon, Raigarh, Raisen, Satna Sehore, Seoni, Sanawada, Vidisha.

Rajasthan—(28)

Abu Rond, Bauswara, Baran, Barmer, Behror, Bhiwadi, Bundi, Chittorgarh, Churu, Dholpur, Dungarpur, Jaisalmer, Jalore, Jhalawar, Jhunjhunu, Madanganj, Mandore (Jodhpur), Nagaur, Palimarwar, Phalodi, Pitani, Pokaren, Reni, Sawaimadhapur, Sirohi, Sumerpur, Tonk, Hanuman Garh.

New Passport Office Building in Delhi

3956. SHRI CHETAN P.S. CHAUHAN:
SHRI BALRAJ PASSI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to construct a new and modern building for passport office in Delhi; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Opening of Telegraph Offices in Azamgarh District of U.P.

3957. SHRI RAM BADAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to open telegraph offices in Thekma, Burdhe, Mohammadpur and Gosai-Ki-Bazar under Azamgarh District of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the measures taken by the Government to open telegraph offices at the above places; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (c) Telegraph facilities are already available at Thekma, Bardah (There does not appear to be any place by the name Burdhe), Mohammadpur and Gosai-Ki-Bazar from the Combined Post and Telegraph Offices. The current telegram traffic does not justify opening of independent Telegraph Offices at these places.

Residential Accommodation for P&T Employees in Mau and Azamgarh District of Uttar Pradesh

3958. SHRI RAM BADAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was any proposal to construct Government quarters for the employees of the Department of Posts and Telegraph in Mau and Azamgarh Districts of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the number of quarters to be constructed, with locations thereof and by what time; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government for providing Government accommodation to all the employees?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) *Department of Posts*—No, Sir. *Department of Telecom*—Yes, Sir.

(b) *Department of Posts*—Not applicable.

Department of Telecom.

The following No. of quarters proposed for construction:

(i) Azamgarh (Microwave compound)

8 Type II
& Already sanctioned.
1 Type III
likely to be completed during 1992.

(ii) Mau (Staff Quarter Compound)

12 Type I &
18 Type II Planned for
6 Type III construction.
likely to be completed during 1992.

(c) *Department of Posts*

The policy relating to provision of staff quarters to postal employees is kept under constant review and satisfaction level suitably raised depending upon availability of resources etc. The Department is making efforts to achieve overall satisfaction level of about 15% at present.

Department of Telecommunications

As per policy of the Department 20% staff satisfaction is to be met during 8th plan period.