

Stats As on 31-10-1991

	<i>Gorakhpur District</i>	<i>Maharajganj District</i>
No. of Telephone Exchanges working as on 31-3-1991	15	11
No. of Panchayat Villages covered with telephone facility during 1991-92	74	63

The remaining Panchyat Villages in these Districts have been planned to be covered with telephone facility by 31st March, 1995.

Post Offices in Panchayats in the Country

624. SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to open post offices in various panchayats in the country;

(b) whether Government propose to give priority to the districts of Eastern Uttar Pradesh i.e. Maharajganj, Gorakhpur, Deoria, Gonda, etc; and

(c) if so, when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Post offices in rural areas are opened keeping in view financial, distance and population norms prescribed for the purpose. Panchayat Headquarters are given preference for opening of post offices subject to fulfilment of these norms.

(b) and (c). While no priority as such is being accorded to the Districts of Eastern

U.P. In the matter of opening of Post Offices, it is, however, proposed to open the following number post offices at Maharajganj, Gorakhpur, Deoria and Gonda during the current year 1991-92.

Maharajganj	-	6
Gorakhpur	-	9
Deoria	-	20
Gonda	-	14

Terrorist Activities in Foothills Areas of Uttar Pradesh

625. SHRI MOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Uttar Pradesh Government had asked for Central Security forces from centre to combat the increasing terrorist activities in the foothill areas of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the extent of security forces sought by the Government of Uttar Pradesh and when these were asked for;

(c) the number of groups of para-military forces sent by the Union Government; and

(d) whether the State Government have sent any other scheme to the centre to