

- (c) the subsidy was allowed for period during which the credit facility was actually availed from the banks, although the Mills might have claimed for full period.

[*Translation*]

Setting up of Earth Satellite Communication Centre in Pithoragarh and Almora (U. P.)

4061. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) whether there is a proposal to set up an earth Satellite Communication Centre in the border hill areas of the country ;

(b) if so, the names of the places where these centres are proposed to be set up during the current Five Year Plan period ;

(c) whether these Centres are also proposed to be set up in Pithoragarh and Almora districts in Uttar Pradesh ;

(d) if so, by what time ; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Satellite earth stations in the Border and Hilly areas and the two groups of islands are already existing at the following places :

Place		State
1	2	3
1-	Shillong	Meghalaya
2-	Agartala	Tripura
3.	Aizwal	Mizoram
4.	Port Blair	A & N Islands

1	2	3
5.	Car Nicobar	A & N Islands
6.	Gangtok	Sikkim
7.	Itanagar	Arunachal Pradesh
8.	Imphal	Manipur
9.	Jodhpur	Rajasthan
10.	Kavaratti	Lakshadweep
11.	Minicoy	Lakshadweep
12.	Leh	J & K
13.	Bhuj	Gujarat
14.	Kohima	Nagaland
15.	Panjim	Goa
16.	Srinagar	J & K
17.	Kulu	Himachal Pradesh

The following additional locations have been identified for the provision of earth stations during the current five year plan and are under execution :

1	2	3
1.	Kargil	J & K
2.	Doda	
3.	Poonch	
4.	Rajauri	
5.	Kalpa	Himachal Pradesh
6.	Kaylong	
7.	Jaisalmer	Rajasthan
8.	Srinagar (Garhwal)	Uttar Pradesh
9.	Joshimath	
10.	Uttarkashi	
11.	Zero	Arunachal Pradesh

1	2	3
12. Seppa		Arunachal Pradesh
13. Anini		
14. Deporezo		
15. Phoolbani		Orissa
16. Campbell Bay		Andaman Nicobar Group of Island.
17. Diglipore		
18. Mayabunder		
19. Rangat		A & N Group of Islands.
20. Hutbay		
21. Kamotta		
22. Katchal		
23. Androth		Lakshadweep Group of Islands
24. Agatti		
25. Kiltan		
26. Kalpeni		

The Provision of earth stations at another 26 places in the North-Eastern Region is envisaged. The locations are being identified. These are also expected during current five year Plan.

(c) No Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) (i) Almora District is already connected to Bareilly Trunk Automatic Exchange through an Ultra High Frequency System.

(ii) Pithoragarh District is being connected to Bareilly Trunk Automatic Exchange through an Ultra High Frequency System during 1987-88.

Rural Electrification

4062. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) the State-wise number and names of districts in the country where the percentage of rural electrification is less than the national average ;

(b) whether his Ministry proposes to chalk out any crash programme to bring the rural electrification work in these districts at par with national average ;

(c) if so, the outlines thereof and the time by which all these districts will be brought at par with the national average in this matter ; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI) : (a) A statement indicating the State-wise list of districts where percentage of village electrification is less than the national average (of about 68%) is given below.

(b) and (d). With a view to accelerating the pace of rural electrification in the areas below the national average, it has been decided that during the Seventh Plan, all States where the level of village electrification was below 65% at the beginning of 7th plan will be eligible for financial assistance through Rural Electrification Corporation for rural electrification schemes under Minimum Needs Programme. At the time of formulation of new rural electrification schemes, districts having least percentage coverage will be given priority over other districts.

Cent percent electrification of villages in the country is expected by the end of 8th plan, subject to the availability of requisite resources and other inputs.

Statement

Statewise list of districts where percentage of village electrification is less than National Average (68%) (as on 31.3.86)

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