

BHEL at a cost of Rs. 26 crores 1 Offshore rig belonging to a Mexican company was chartered at an effective day rate of \$ 23,300.

(d) Among the important terms and conditions are those relating to :

- (i) the period of the charter hire.
- (ii) Rate payable during the period of the contract.
- (iii) Supply of the requisite number of personnel/equipment by the contractor.
- (iv) Option to extend contract by one year either on the same rates, terms and conditions or on mutually agreeable terms.

Opening of Branch Post Offices in Rural Areas During Seventh Plan Period

1131. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have fixed any targets for the opening of new Branch Post

Offices in the rural areas during the first year of the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the targets for each constituent Postal Circle (State-wise in case of multi-State Postal Circles) for 1985-86;

(c) whether the shortfall covered by not opening that BPOs found justified and planned for 1983-84 and 1984-85 but not opened due to ban by the Ministry of Finance on the filling up of existing vacancies and recruitment to new posts, would also be kept in view so as to cover the backlog; and

(d) if so, the details of the backlog, State-wise for the last two years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Circle wise targets and not State-wise fixed for 1985-86 are indicated in Statement below :

(c) The physical targets and financial outlays of the Sixth Five Year Plan are deemed to have lapsed on 31.3.1985.

(d) Does not arise.

Statement

Circle-wise targets for opening of post office during 1985-86

Name of Circle	Opening of post offices during 1985-86			
	Normal	Tribal	Backward	Total
1	2	3	4	5
1. Andhra	82	15	10	107
2. Bihar	148	25	25	198
3. Delhi	02	—	—	02
4. Gujarat	47	16	10	73
5. J. & K.	—	—	38	38
6. Kerala	34	06	05	45
7. Karnataka	35	04	10	49
8. Madhya Pradesh	118	40	25	183

1	2	3	4	5
9. Maharashtra	95	28	10	133
10. North East	62	120	02	184
11. North West	79	10	02	91
12. Orissa	40	50	02	92
13. Rajasthan	71	20	15	106
14. Tamil Nadu	57	03	05	65
15. U.P.	162	20	30	212
16. West Bengal	83	29	10	122
17. Reserve	55	—	—	55
Total	1170	386	199	1755

Note : Opening of post offices is subject to lifting of economy orders banning creation of new posts.

Appointment of Territorial Army Personnel on Permanent Staff in Urban Units

1132. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Territorial Army personnel are expected to perform the duties of the regular Army personnel during the course of their tenure;

(b) whether till recently JCOs, were employed on permanent staff in the Urban Units of the Territorial Army;

(c) if so, whether this practice has been discontinued and JCOs from the regular Units are appointed on permanent staff, causing frustration and resentment among Territorial Army Jawans; and

(d) if so, the reasons for this change and the likely date by which it would be discontinued ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO) : (a) Territorial Army units can be embodied for specific military tasks if the need arises. These tasks are for secondary and defensive roles.

(b) to (c). There is a fixed proportion of Territorial Army JCOs and Regular Army JCOs for appointment on the permanent staff of Urban Units. There has been no change in this policy. A Regular Army JCO is posted in a vacancy for a Territorial Army JCO only when a suitable JCO from the Territorial Army is not available.

Shifting of 1900 Lines from Delhi Gate Area to New Electronic Telephone Exchange

1133. SHRI B. V. DESAI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether over 1900 lines in Delhi Gate area will be shifted to the new Electronic Exchange;

(b) if so, the main reasons for the same;

(c) the total expenditure involved;

(d) the time by which these lines will go electronic; and

(e) to what extent it will be useful ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) Yes Sir, in first phase.