

[*Translation*]**Pay Phones in Delhi**

5004. SHRISURENDRA PAL PATHAK:  
Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons provided employment by allotting the STD/ISD/ pay phones to them in Delhi; and

(b) the norms for releasing such telephone connections?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) 876 STD/ISD Pay Phones are working in Delhi under Franchise Scheme. Under this scheme, some Pay phones are being operated by agencies and others by individuals. It is not possible to ascertain the exact number of persons employed by the franchisees. However, these would have provided employment at least 876 persons.

(b) Public Telephones are allotted liberally to all those who offer to operate it as per prescribed terms and conditions. It has been decided to provide Public Telephones upto 5% of the exchange capacity.

[*English*]**Post-Offices in Pilibhit, U.P.**

5005. DR. P.R. GANGWAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sub-post offices in Pilibhit district of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the number of sub-post offices out of them which are running in buildings here there are no basic amenities like water, electricity etc.;

(c) whether the Government have received representations for providing the necessary basic facilities in these sub-post offices;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The number of sub post offices in Pilibhit district of Uttar Pradesh is fourteen.

(b) Water and Electricity have been provided in all the 14 Post Offices. However, there are 6 Post Offices where toilet facilities is not available.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e). Necessary action to provide toilet facility in the 6 Post Offices is under progress.

**Production of Copper**

5006. SHRI VISHWESHWAR BHAGAT: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the production and demand of copper in the country;

(b) the quantity of copper imported to meet the demand; and

(c) if so, the efforts made by the Government to become self-sufficient in the production of copper?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) The indigenous production of copper metal in the country is about 50,000 tonnes per annum against the

current annual demand of around 1.8 lakh tonnes.

(b) The quantity of copper and copper articles imported during the last three years as under:

Year	Quantity ('000 Kg)
1989-90	182493
1990-91	192258
1991-92(April-Dec.)	96172

(c) With the available and known ore reserves, it is not possible to be self-sufficient in copper through indigenous production in the near future. However, concerted efforts are being made to enhance the indigenous copper production. The important schemes proposed by Hindustan Copper Limited for enhancing the indigenous production for the VIIIth Plan subject to the availability of funds are:

**I. Western Sector (Rajasthan):**

- i) Khetri smelter and refinery expansion from 31,000 to 45,000 tonnes per year.
- ii) Kolihan mine expansion from 0.6 to 0.75 million tonnes of ore per year.
- iii) Development of Banwas mine of 0.6 million tonnes of ore per year.
- iv) Modernisation of the Khetri concentrator.

**II Central Sector (Madhya Pradesh):**

Expansion of Malanjkhand mine from 2 to 3 million tonnes of ore per year.

**III Eastern Sector (Bihar):**

i) Development of Chapri-Sidheswar Mine of 0.75 million tonnes capacity with a matching concentrator

ii) Expansion and modernisation of existing ICC Group of Mines in Singhbhum Belt.

**Circulation of Assamese Newspapers**

5007. SHRI UDDHAB BARMAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the names of Assamese newspapers, with their average circulation utilised by the DAVP for advertisement during the last three years;

(b) the amount paid during each of this period, newspaper-wise; and

(c) the names of Assamese newspapers with comparable circulation which requested the DAVP for advertisements during the last three years and were not acceded to, with reasons thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARIGIRIJA VYAS):

(a) The names of Assamese newspapers with their average circulation, utilised by DAVP for advertisement during the last three years are given in the attached statement.

(b) The total amount paid to Assamese newspapers during the years 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92 is given below:

1989-90	Rs. 8,14,766.00
1990-91	Rs. 10,44,07.00
1991-92	Rs. 16,70,302.00

(c) All the newspapers which request for advertisements and fulfill the minimum requirements laid down in the advertising policy are empanelled and given advertisements as per publicity requirements and availability of funds.