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Electronic Telephone Exchanges in Gujarat**Damage of Air Conditioning Plant at TV Relay Station at Srinivasanallur in Tamil Nadu**

756. SHRI N. DENNIS:
SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH:
SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY:
SHRI B. DEVARAJAN:
SHRI SHARAD YADAV:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the TV relay station at Srinivasanallur in Thanjavur District of Tamil Nadu was badly damaged in a bomb blast in April, 192; and

(b) If so, the outcome of the inquiry conducted in the matter?

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

(a) and (b). A bomb blast took place in April '92 at TV Transmitter Kumbakonam causing minor damage. Police investigated the matter and one persons was arrested.

757. SHRI HARISINH CHAVDA:
SHRI GABHAJI MANGAJI THAKORE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Computerised/ electronic and non-electron telephone exchanges set up in Gujarat so far;

(b) whether the Government propose to set up more sub-telephone exchanges set up in the State during the current year; and
(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) As on 30.6.92 a total of 416 electronic exchanges and 691 non-electronic exchanges are functioning in Gujarat.

(b) Yes Sir, but only as telephone exchanges;

(c) A total of 65 new telephone exchanges are proposed to be set up in Gujarat during the current year. The tentative district-wise proposals are as under:

| <i>Name of District</i> | <i>No. of Telephone exchanges</i> |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Amreli | 10 |
| Banaskantha | 7 |
| Bharuch | 3 |
| Bhavnagar | 4 |
| Godhra | 5 |
| Jamnagar | 5 |