

<i>Name of District</i>	<i>No. of Telephone exchanges</i>
Junagadha	4
Kheda (Nadiad)	1
Mehsana	1
Sabarkantha	4
Surendranagar	3
Ahmedabad	11
Baroda (Vadodara)	1
Rajkot	3
Surat	3
Total	65

Broadcast/Telecast of News

758. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the languages in which news from the All India Radio is broadcast in the country;

(b) since when the news in each such language is being broadcast;

(c) the languages in which news is telecast by the Doordarshan on the Metro and National network; and

(d) since when the news in these languages is being telecast?

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

(a) and (b). All India Radio broadcasts News Bulletins in 20 languages and 47 dialects.

Some of these bulletins were started as early as in 1927 when regular radio broadcasts were started in the country. The exact dates when each of these News Bulletins were started are not available in a centrally compiled form.

(c) and (d). Doordarshan telecasts news bulletins in Hindi and English in the National network since August, 1982. There is no separate news telecast on the metro network.

[Translation]

Expansion of Lucknow Doordarshan Kendra

759. SHRISATYA DEOSINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the expansion programme of Lucknow Doordarshan Kendra was to be implemented in 1991-92;

(b) if so, the progress made so far in this regard;

(c) whether it is proposed to transfer the microwave linkage facility from Lucknow to some other place; and

(d) if so, the location thereof?

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

(a) No major expansion of Doordarshan Kendra, Lucknow was envisaged during 1991-92;

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

[English]

S.T.D. Facilities in Telephone Exchanges

760. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of telephone exchanges linked with STD facility during 1990-91;

(b) the names of the telephone exchanges proposed to be linked with STD facility during 1991-92 and the number of exchanges provided with the facility till May, 1992; and

(c) the time by which STD facility is likely to be provided to the rest of the exchanges with locations thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) 437 Sir.

(b) List containing names of exchanges is pleased at Statement-I.

Out of 440 exchanges proposed, 295 exchanges have been connected with STD till May, 1992.

(c) By March, 93. Locations for the rest 145 exchanges given in the Statement-II.

STATEMENT I

Names of Telephones Exchanges proposed to be linked with S.T.D. Facility during the year 1991-92

Andhra Pradesh

Paddapalle

Nagarkurnool

Nakrakal

Gudlavallaru

Kodavatur

Medchal

Shamshabad

Chebrow

Isnapur

Sirpurkagaznagar

Chityal

Heramandalam

Repalle

Ghatkeswar

Vikarabad

Yadagiricutta