

cleared by 31.12.91 (except for City Exchange area which is likely to be cleared by 31.03.92).

As per the draft 8th Five Year Plan (1992-97), it is proposed to add 11,3 lakh lines of switching capacity and provide 9.5 lakh new telephone connections in Bombay. The present waiting list is expected to be cleared progressively during the plan period.

[Translation]

Conversion of Low Power Doordarshan Relay Center at Pilibhit

4116. DR. P.R. GANGWAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to convert the low power Doordarshan relay centre at Pilibhit in Uttar Pradesh into a high power relay centre;

(b) if so, by when; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRJA VYAS):
(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) TV service in Pilibhit district of Uttar Pradesh is expected to be considerably strengthened with the commissioning of the high power (10KW) TV transmitter under implementation at Bareilly.

[English]

Electronic Exchanges in West Bengal

4117. SHR RUPCHAND PAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to convert telephone exchanges into electronic exchanges, particularly Chinsura Telephone Exchange in Hooghly district in West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which these are likely to be converted?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (c). (i) There are 32 telephone exchanges in Hooghly district out of which four are already electronic exchanges 23 telephone exchanges will be converted into electronic, exchanges progressively during 1992-95 as per the policy of the Department.

(ii) 3 telephone exchanges will be converted into electronic exchanges as and when these become due on expiry of their useful life.

(iii) Automatic electro-mechanical exchange has recently been installed at Tarakeshwar and therefore, there is no plan for its conversion into an electronic exchange in near future.

(iv) Existing automatic electro-mechanical exchange at Chinsura has been planned for replacement by an electronic exchange during 1992-93.

[Translation]

Financial Assistance to Madhya Pradesh

4118. SHRI YOGANAND SARASWATI:
SHRI ARVIND NETAM:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals received by the Union Government from the Government of Madhya Pradesh for the grant of financial assistance in 1991 and the number of proposals still under consideration; and

(b) the time by which these proposals are likely to be approved?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). Out of nineteen proposals along with detailed estimates forwarded by the State Government of Madhya Pradesh for development of tourism infrastructure during 1991-92, two proposals are still under consideration. One of the proposals is likely to be approved during the current financial year and for the other clarifications are still awaited from the State Government.

[English]

Electronic Exchange at Kandla Port Complex

4119. DR. K.D. JESWANI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to install an electronic exchange in Kandla Port Complex of Gujarat;

(b) if so, when; and

(c) what will be its initial capacity?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS

(SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Planned during 1992-93.

(c) 384 lines.

[Translation]

Telecast of various Games by Doordarshan

4120. SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN:
SHRI ANAND RATNA MAURYA:

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

(a) the priority of the Government regarding direct telecast of various games by the Doordarshan; and

(b) the time given by the Doordarshan for such live telecast during the last one year, game-wise?

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

(a) The Policy of the Government is to give fair exposure to all disciplines of sport played in and outside the country including rural and tribal areas. Live telecast of various games, however, depends on the popularity/viewership of the game(s) manpower/resource availability and technical feasibility.

(b) Details are given in the attached Statement.

STATEMENT

S. No.	Event	Duration
1.	Gymnastics	5 Hrs. 30 mts.
2.	Power Lifting	8 Hrs.