

(a) whether India participated in the EXPO 92 at Seville, the world's biggest expo event; and

(b) if so, the outcome of the participation?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) India's tourist attractions including its cultural and historical contribution in the development of civilisation were highlighted at the EXPO, which was visited by over three million people.

Stations for Telegrams and Telegraph Money Orders in Gujarat

3260. DR. A.K. PATEL : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to establish stations for the purpose of sending telegrams and telegraphic money orders in the country;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) the names of such stations that are likely to be established in Gujarat?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir. Telegraph facility at stations now without this facility is provided in the normal course of development. Telegraph facility at Post Offices is used for handling Telegraph Money Order also.

(b) Telegraph facilities are planned to be provided in 248 new offices in the country.

(c) Names of three such stations in

Gujarat are Ahwa, Ankleswar and Kheda. 25 more stations will be determined as per demand.

[*Translation*]

LPT at Brahmpuri in Maharashtra

3261. SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any representation for setting up of an additional Low Power T.V. transmitter in Brahmpuri area of Chandrapur District in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) by when an additional LPT is likely to be installed there?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Representations have been received from time to time for establishment of a TV transmitter in Brahmpuri Tehsil of Chandrapur district in Maharashtra.

(b) and (c). Besides the low power (100W) transmitter functioning at Chandrapur, the district headquarter town, parts of Chandrapur district also receive TV service from the high power (10KW) transmitter functioning at Nagpur. However, Brahmpuri is not expected to get TV service due to the large intervening distance from these transmitters. Whereas there is no proposal, at present, to set up a TV transmitter at Brahmpuri Tehsil in Chandrapur district of Maharashtra, any step in this direction would depend upon future availability of resources for the purpose and inter se priorities.