

<i>Name of Distt.</i>	<i>Total No. of telephones exchanges</i>	<i>Number out of them electronic exchanges</i>
Cannanore	60	19
Kesaragod	38	17

(c) No, Sir. Not all of the remaining will be converted into electronic during 92-93.

(d) The no. of exchanges district wise which will be converted into electronic during 92-93 is as under:

Trivandrum	2
Quilon	14
Pathanamthitta	17
Aleppey	10
Kottayam	16
Ernakulam	7
Idukki	7
Trichur	16
Paghat	11
Malappuram	20
Calicut	16
Wynad	11
Cannanore	29
Kesaragod	17

[*Translation*]

**Extraction of Copper in Tosham,
Haryana**

the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

3285. SHRI JANGBIR SINGH: Will

(a) the amount spent on the mining of copper in Tosham tehsil of Haryana and the

quantity of production increased thereby; and

(b) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government for the modernisation of this mine?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) There is n mining of copper in Tosham Tehsil of Haryana.

(b) Does no arise.

Power Generation in Bihar

3286. SHRI VJOY KUMAR YADAV: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bihar is not self-reliant in power generation;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to make the State self-reliant in this field?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAJ): (a) Yes, Sir. During the period April - November, 1992, as against a requirement of energy of 5415 million units (MU), the availability was 3935 MUs (including assistance of 1638. 2 MUs from Central Sector and from Northern and North-Eastern regions). Thus the deficit was 2060 MUs i.e. 38.0%.

(b) The Main reason for low energy generation in Bihar was poor performance of the thermal power stations in the State, as reflected by PLF of 23.6% during the same period as against the All India average of 54.2%.

(c) Various other measures being taken to increase the availability of power in Bihar include addition of new generating capacity, miximising generation from existing generating stations, implementation of Renevation and Modernisation Programme, Reduction in transmission and Distribution losses, effective load management and energy conservation measures.

[English]

Opening of C.W.C. Office

3287. SHRIGOPINATHGAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal to open the regional office of the Central Water Commission at Bhubaneshwar has been pending since long;

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay; and

(c) the steps taken to expedite its opening there?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) to (c). The proposal for opening a Regional Office headed by a Chief Engineer, Central Water Commission, at Bhubaneshwar was envisaged as a part of Cadre review proposals of the Central Water Engineering (Group-A) Service, which is still under processing.

[Translation]

Posts and Telegraph Offices in Madhya Pradesh In 7th and 8th Plans

3288. SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state: