

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) The decision for handing over of state sector power projects to private sector parties rests with the State Government concerned.

(b) Does not arise.

#### Telecast of Car Festival in Orissa

3332. SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to telecast the famous car festival (Rath Yatra) of Lord Jagannath, in Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Low Power T.V. transmitter recently established at Puri is not functioning properly; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

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

(a) yes, Sir.

(b) This year the Car Festival of Lord Jagannath was telecast live by Doordarshan Kendra, Cuttack in its Regional Service and a report on the Festival was also telecast on the National Network.

(c) The Low Power (300 W) TV Transmitter operating in UHF Band at Puri in Orissa is reported to be functioning satisfactorily.

(d) Does not arise.

#### Captive Power Plant in Visakhapatnam Steel Plant

3333. DR. LAL BAHADUR RAWAL: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant has invited global tenders for setting up power plant in private sector; and

(b) if so, the capacity and estimated cost of this plant and by when it is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

#### Telephone to Villages in U.P.

3334. SHRI GAYA PRASAD KORI:  
DR. PARSHURAM  
GANGWAR:  
SHRI HARIKEWAL PRASAD:  
SHRI RAM BADAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise total number of Gram panchayats/Villages where telephone facilities have been provided in Uttar Pradesh during 1992-93, so far;

(b) the district-wise number of villages where this facility proposed to be provided by March, 1993;

(c) whether some districts have been kept on the priority list.

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government have re-

ceived complaints from Mau and Azamgarh districts about the shortage of telephone equipments;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the action taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Total number of Panchayat Villages where telephone facility has been provided during the period 1.4.1992

to 25.11.1992 is 2667 Districtwise details are given in Statement-I.

(b) The details are given in Statement - II.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) and (g). Does not arise in view of (e) above.

#### STATEMENT — I

*Districtwise Details Of Panchayat Villages Covered With Telephone Facility During The Period 1.4.1992 to 25.11.1992.*

<i>Sl.No.</i>	<i>Name of district.</i>	<i>Total No. of Villages where telephone facility have been provided during 1-4-92 to 25-11-92.</i>
1.	Jhansi	23
2.	Lalitpur	28
3.	Hamirpur	16
4.	Jalaun	17
5.	Banda	32
6.	Faizabad	70
7.	Barabanki	77
8.	Sitapur	20
9.	Hardoi	28
10.	Lakhimpur	61
11.	Shahjahanpur	15
12.	Mathura	25

<i>Sl.No.</i>	<i>Name of district.</i>	<i>Total No. of Villages where telephone facility have been provided during 1-4-92 to 25-11-92.</i>
13.	Etah	33
14.	Etawah	97
15.	Mainpuri	73
16.	Farrukhabad	66
17.	Aligarh	12
18.	Almora	78
19.	Pithoragar	17
20.	Moradabad	18
21.	Bijnore	40
22.	Rampur	18
23.	Budaun	12
24.	Pilibit	13
25.	Naintal	41
26.	Bareilly	33
27.	Ballia	49
28.	Ghazipur	14
29.	Gonda	30
30.	Behraich	34
31.	Basti	48
32.	Siddharth Nagar	11
33.	Gorakhpur	45
34.	Maharajganj	5

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<i>Sl.No.</i>	<i>Name of district.</i>	<i>Total No. of Villages where telephone facility have been provided during 1-4-92 to 25-11-92.</i>
35.	Azamgarh	38
36.	Mau	56
37.	Deoria	68
38.	Sultanpur	65
39.	Rae Bareli	32
40.	Fatehpur	8
41.	Pratapgarh	57
42.	Mirzapur	28
43.	Sorbhadra	11
44.	Janpur	68
45.	Chamoli	26
46.	Pauri	36
47.	Tehri	21
48.	Uttar Kashi	-
49.	Muzaffar Nagar	73
50.	Saharanpur	96
51.	Hardwar	-
52.	Dehradun	44
53.	Lucknow	57
54.	Varanasi	80
55.	Allahabad	70

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<i>Sl.No.</i>	<i>Name of district.</i>	<i>Total No. of Villages where telephone facility have been provided during 1-4-92 to 25-11-92.</i>
56.	Ghaziabad	98
57.	Buland Shahar	89
58.	Agra	27
59.	Firozabad	11
60.	Meerut	124
61.	Kanput City	3
62.	Kanpur Dehat	33
63.	Unnao	41
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2667</b>

**STATEMENT — II**

*Districtwise number of Gram Panchayats proposed to be provided with telephone facilities during 1992-93.*

<i>S. No.</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>No. Of Gram Panchayats proposed during 92-93.</i>
1.	Allahabad	400
2.	Varanasi	320
3.	Agra	257
4.	<b>Ferozabad</b>	73
5.	Meerut	223
6.	Lucknow	132
7.	Kanpur City	42
8.	Kanpur Dehat	294
9.	Unnao	64

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<i>S. No.</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>No. Of Gram Panchayats proposed during 92-93.</i>
10.	Ghaziabad	95
11.	Bulandshahar	245
12.	Aligarh	208
13.	Almora	120
14.	Pithoragarh	40
15.	Bareilly	134
16.	Moradabad	82
17.	Bijnore	97
18.	Nainital	83
19.	Rampur	41
20.	Pilibhit	40
21.	Budaun	134
22.	Azamgarh	217
23.	Deoria	139
24.	Mau	120
25.	Ballia	112
26.	Ghazipur	112
27.	Gonda	123
28.	Basti	117
29.	Behraich	123
30.	Siddharthnagar	41
31.	Gorakhpur	

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<i>S. No.</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>No. Of Gram Panchayats proposed during 92-93.</i>
32.	Maharajganj	146
33.	Mirzapur	132
34.	Jaunpur	123
35.	Sonbhadra	40
36.	Sultanpur	94
37.	Pratapgarh	129
38.	Rae Bareilly	110
39.	Fatehpur	92
40.	Dehradun	40
41.	Muzaffarnagar	123
42.	Saharanpur	112
43.	Hardwar	37
44.	Pauri	66
45.	Chamoli	31
46.	Tehri	45
47.	Uttarkashi	18
48.	Etawah	70
49.	Farrukhabad	64
50.	Mainpuri	41
51.	Faizabad	166
52.	Barabanki	95
53.	Jhansi	80

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<i>S. No.</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>No. Of Gram Panchayats proposed during 92-93.</i>
54.	Hamirpur	83
55.	Jaleun	50
56.	Banda	82
57.	Lalitpur	40
58.	Lathura	60
59.	Etah	74
60.	Sitapur	100
61.	Lakhimpur	93
62.	Shahjahanpur	115
63.	Hardoi	79
Total		6858

#### Vijayanagar Steel Plant

3335. SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the present stage of the Vijayanagar Steel Plant; and

(b) by when it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DÉV): (a) and (b). Government of Karnataka has stated that after withdrawal of the joint sector partner M/s. Essar Gujarat Limited from the Vijayanagar steel project, fresh offers were invited for locating another joint sector partner. A Committee has been

constituted to evaluate the seven proposals received, and select the joint sector partner. Implementation of the project will take three to four years after selection of the joint sector partner and obtaining the relevant clearances.

#### Promotion of Tourism in West Bengal

3336. SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals received by the Union Government from the Government for West Bengal for Promotion of tourism during 1991-92 and 1992-93;

(b) the action taken by the Government thereon so far;