

ment of Karnataka has sent a proposals to Government for development of infrastructural facilities at selected tourist spots in Karnataka with financial assistance from the overseas Economic Corporation Fund of the Government of Japan. The estimated cost of the proposal is Rs. 110.6 crores.

[*Translation*]

**Telephones and Post Offices in Maharashtra, Gujarat and Haryana**

3446. SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL:  
SHRI AVTAR SINGH BHADANA:  
SHRI S.N. VEKARIA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in Maharashtra, Gujarat and Haryana where telephone and post-offices have been provided during the last three years;

(b) the time by which the said facilities are likely to be provided in all village Panchayats of Faridabad and Gurgaon districts of Haryana, Nanded district in Maharashtra and Rajkot District in Gujarat; and

(c) the remedial steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to run telephone exchanges and post offices smoothly?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Details are being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

(b) (i) Provision of public telephone facility

in all panchayat villages has been planned to be provided progressively by March 1995 subject to availability of resources.

(ii) The post offices are opened keeping in view the population, distance, financial allocation and available resources as such no time frame has been fixed.

(c) Remedial steps taken are as follows:

(1) *Telephone Exchanges*

(a) Constant monitoring of performance

(b) Adopting preventive and corrective maintenance practices

(c) Replacing did and worn out equipments by modern electronic equipments in a phased manner.

(2) *Post offices*

By obtaining statements of complaints and improper working.

**Hydel and Thermal Power Generation**

3447. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the ratio between the hydel power generation and thermal power generation during the Seventh Five Year Plan in the country; and

(b) the steps being taken to increase the production of hydel power?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH