

Ashes of a Freedom Fighter

988. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a freedom fighter Shyamji Krishna Verma and his wife died in Paris and their ashes are still waiting to be brought back to India;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there have been demands for bringing the ashes back to the country, and

(d) if so, the response of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) As per the wishes of the wife of Shri Shyamji Krishna Verma who died in 1930, his ashes have been preserved in the Columbarium in the Municipality of Geneva till the year 2038.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Following a request by Shyamji Krishna Verma Samiti, Bombay, Government of India is in touch with the concerned Swiss authorities

and the Govt. of Gujarat to work out the formalities required to be completed to bring the ashes back to India.

Electrification of Hilly Areas in Uttar Pradesh

989. MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government provide any special grant for electrification of hilly areas of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount given for the districts of Pauri and Chamoli during each of the last three years; and

(d) the percentage of electrified area in each district there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (c). No special grants have been provided for electrification of hilly areas of Uttar Pradesh.

(d) The percentage of electrified villages in the hilly districts of Uttar Pradesh are given in Annexure.

STATEMENT

Percentage of villages electrified in the hilly districts of Uttar Pradesh as on 31st March, 1992.

<i>Sl. No</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>Percentage of villages electrified.</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>
1.	Nainital	99.8
2.	Almora	77.9
3.	Pithoragarh	62.8
4.	Dehradun	95.8

Sl. No	District	Percentage of villages electrified.
1	2	3
5.	Uttarkashi	89.8
6.	Chamoli	72.9
7.	Pauri (Garhwal)	58.9
8.	Tehri (Garhwal)	66.9

Telephone and Post office Facilities in Orissa Villages

990. SHRI GOVINDA CHANDRA MUNDA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) district wise number of gram panchayats in Orissa having telephone and post office facilities;

(b) the time-limit fixed for providing post office and telephone facilities in each gram panchayat;

(c) the number of gram panchayats post offices having telegraph services and the scheme to extend the same; and

(d) the district-wise details of programmes for providing the speed post services in the cities in that State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) (1) Number of Gram Panchayats with telephone facility as on 31.1.1993 is 3002 (District-wise details are given in Annexure -1)

(11) Number of "Gram Panchayats with Post Office facilities as on 31.1.93 is 4134 (District-wise details are given in Annexure-11)

(b) (1) All the Gram Panchayats have been planned to be provided with telephone facility by 31.3.95 subject to availability of resources.

(11) It is proposed to open post offices in each Gram Panchayats subject to their fulfillment of norms at the earliest. No time limit has been fixed, as such.

(c) As on 31.1.93, 2531 Gram Panchayat Post Offices have been provided telegraph services and the scheme is to provide telegraph service on phonocom basis only.

(d) The Speed Post Service have been provided in the following 9 Districts:-

(1) Mayurbhanj 2) Cuttack 3) Puri
(4) Balasore 5) Ganjam 6) Sambalpur
(7) Sundergarh 8) Koraput 9) Bolangir

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District-wise details of Gram Panchayats with Telephone facility as on 31.1.93 in Orissa Telecom Circle.

S. No.	Name of Distt	No. of Gram Panchayats having Telephone facility.
1	Balasore	233