

approval of the Planning Commission.

[*Translation*]

**Linking of Postal Services between Bisfi and Madhubani**

1005. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bisfi under the Madhubani district of Bihar is being linked with the post and telegraph system with Darbhanga instead of Madhubani:

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time by which Bisfi branch post office likely to be linked with Madhubani by upgrading it and improving the communication systems?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise

(c) *Post office*

Since the up gradation of Bisfi post office is not justified according to departmental norms, no time frame can be given for linking Bisfi with Madhubani.

*Telegraph*

Communication system has already been upgraded from overhead PCO to MARR PCO during 1992.

[*English*]

**Telephone Connections in Delhi**

1006. SHRI ANAND RATNA MAURYA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons waiting for telephone connections in each category in Delhi;

(b) the number of persons proposed to be provided telephone connections during 1993; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government for providing connections in short time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Sir, the number of persons waiting for telephone connections in each category in Delhi as on 1-1-93 are:

<i>Category</i>	<i>Waiting List</i>
OYT	20, 579
Non-OYT (SPL)	5, 544
Non OYT (General)	3,52, 912
<b>Total</b>	<b>3, 79, 035</b>

(b) About 75,000 telephone connections are likely to be provided during the calendar year subject to timely availability of equipment and financial resources.

(c) Additional switching equipment is being installed to augment the existing capacity so as to provide connections at a faster pace in a short time.

**Electronic Exchange in A.P.**

1007. SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether commissioning of electronic exchange at Hanumanda in Andhra Pradesh has been held up in spite of the fact that the same is ready operationally since long;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to become operational?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir.