

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir. Telegrams in these areas are not generally delayed.

(b) The target is to transmit telegrams with least possible delay and the delay is monitored on the basis of 12 day light hours from booking to delivery.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) To ensure timely despatch of telegrams in the eight districts of Uttaranchal, the Department will shortly be installing Nine numbers of electronic key boards which will be linked to store & forward message network. In addition it has also been decided to open telecom centres at places where daily average traffic is 50 telegrams or more.

#### **Post and Telegraph Offices in Maharashtra**

5801. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Post and Telegraph Offices and Telephone Exchanges in Maharashtra at present separately, district-wise;

(b) whether the number of such offices in the State are not adequate in view of the requirement of the public; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to increase the number of Post and Telegraph Offices and telephone exchanges in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b). **Post and Telegraph Offices:** The number of post and telegraph offices in Maharashtra at present is given in *Statement*.

**Telephone Exchanges:** Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) and (c). **Post Offices:** Post offices are opened as per justification progressively under Annual Plans, subject to availability of resources.

**Telegraph Offices:** The present number of telegraph offices is according to the requirements.

**Telephone Exchanges:** The number of telephone exchanges allotted to Maharashtra Telecom. Circle for installation during the year 1994-95 are given below:—

Sl. No.	Type of telephone exchange	No. of units allotted
1.	64 P MILT	160
2.	128 P CDOT	50
3.	256 P CDOT	100
4.	512 P CDOT	30
5.	1000 L CDOT	26
6.	1200 L CDOT	6

## STATEMENT

*Details of the number of post and telegraph offices in Maharashtra, district-wise.*

Sl. No.	District	No. of Post Offices	Number of Telegraph Offices
1.	Ahmednagar	642	90
2.	Akola	393	70
3.	Aurangabad	358	42
4.	Amravati	446	73
5.	Beed	319	27
6.	Bhandra	299	57
7.	Bombay	274	81
8.	Chandrapur	300	120
9.	Buldhana	346	158
10.	Dhule	451	45
11.	Garchiroli	217	67
12.	Jalna	165	15
13.	Jalgaon	512	213
14.	Kolhapur	537	86
15.	Latur	286	26
16.	Nagpur	340	82
17.	Nanded	455	111
18.	Nasik	662	82
19.	Osmanabad	273	30

Sl. No.	District	No. of Post Offices	Number of Telegraph Offices
20.	Parbhani	302	106
21.	Pune	786	236
22.	Raigad	320	118
23.	Ratnagiri	337	69
24.	Sangli	423	99
25.	Satara	654	186
26.	Sindhurg	353	134
27.	Sholapur	531	109
28.	Thane	434	106
29.	Wardha	185	110
30.	Yeotmal	369	122

#### Indian Classical Music

5802. SHRI RAJESH KUMAR:  
SHRIMATI SHEELA  
GAUTAM:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to take steps to promote Indian classical music through All India Radio;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND

BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b). All India Radio has since its inception played a pivotal role in the promotion of Indian music including classical music. At present it broadcasts approximately 191 hours of classical music per day. In addition, AIR radio stations also broadcast music lessons, music magazine and music appreciation programmes with a view to promoting classical music.

(c) Does not arise.

#### Visit of President of Maldives

5803. DR. SAKSHIJI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state: