

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>Name of the exchange</i>
12.	Janakpuri D-III
13.	Rajouri Garden D-III
14.	Tekhand D-I
15.	Delhi Cantt. D-I

Development of Exchanges in Karnataka

3685. SHRI A. VENKATESH NAIK :
SHRI S.B. SIDNAL :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to develop/modernise the telephone exchanges in Karnataka during Eighth Plan period;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The 8th Plan envisages addition of around 5.99 lakh lines of Net Switching Capacity in Karnataka Telecom Circle during the 8th Plan period in addition to replacement of around 1.46 lakh lines mostly by electronic equipment. The modernisation programme include:

- Replacement of life expired and wornout equipment by electronic equipment.
- Practically all new equipment

proposed for induction during the 8th plan period to be of digital type.

- Computerisation of Telecommunication services such as directory enquiry billing, manual trunk service etc.
- Replacement of all strowger MAX-III exchanges by electronic exchanges (as part of the programme to provide national subscriber dialing to all exchanges).
- Provision of Subscriber Trunk Dialing facility to all exchanges.
- Full automatisisation of network by March, 94.

During the first 2 years of the plan (92-94) the circle has added 1.86 lakh lines of switching capacity and 1.33 lakh new telephone connections. As on 31.3.94 around 78% of the Switching Capacity is electronic in the Karnataka Telecom Circle and the network is fully automatised.

(c) Question does not arise.

Post Offices in Villages of Maharashtra

3686. SHRI ANKUSHRAO