

fying investment potential in the food processing zones during the last two years, State-wise; and

(b) the potentials identified by these Organisations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI):

(a) and (b). Under the plan scheme of the Ministry in last two years, assistance has been extended to organisations in the States of Assam, Bihar, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Manipur, Orissa, Pondicherry and West Bengal for studies/surveys for various aspects of the food processing industries which is likely to help in identifying the potentials in various sectors. Some of these reports already prepared indicate potentials for cereal, pulses and maize based products, edible oils, snack food, fruits and vegetable products, mushrooms, milk products and meat and poultry products in those States.

[English]

#### Posts and Telegraph Services in Gujarat

4559. SHRI GABHAJI MANGAJI THAKORE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to improve the Telephone, Posts and Telegraph Services in Gujarat;

(b) whether the revenue earned from these services in the State during 1992-93 and 1993-94 has been higher in comparison to other States;

(c) if so, the total expenditure incurred by the Government on these services during the above period in the State;

(d) the extent to which the posts, telegraph and telephone services are likely to be improved during 1994-95;

(e) whether all the villages are likely to be provided all these facilities during the current five year plan; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details are given in the attached *Statement*.

(c) The amount spent on Telecom services in Gujarat for operation and maintenance is Rs. 130.22 crore for 1992-93 and Rs. 152.67 crore for 1993-94.

(d) Measures proposed are given below:

#### *Telegraph Services*

It is proposed to commission the following equipments:

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| 1. Electronic Key Board concentrator                                     | - | 10 |
| 2. Electronic Key Boards   | - | 89 |
| 3. Teleprinter Concentrators   | - | 04 |
| 4. Formatted Terminals   | - | 64 |
| 5. SFMSS-128 at Ahmedabad (SFMSS-64 working at present will be upgraded) |   |    |
| 6. SFMSS-32 at Rajkot  |   |    |

The following measures are proposed:

1. ALL MAX-III and some of the life expired MAX-II & MAX-I Exchanges totalling 35200 lines are proposed to be replaced by electronic exchanges.

2. Opening of 75 new exchanges

3. Addition of 2,38,200 lines in net equipped capacity

4. Provision of 1,50,000 new telephone connections

5. Extension of STD service to 200 more stations. all the taluka headquarters without STD are proposed to be provided with STD during 1994.-95.

6. Telephone service will be provided to remaining 4346 gram panchayat villages. With this all the 13421 gram Panchayat villages will be provided with telephone facility.

(e) and (f). As on 31-3-94, 9075 gram panchayat villates out of a total of 13421 have been provided with telephone facility. Remaining 4346 gram panchayat villages are planned to be provided with telephone facility during 1994-95. All the remaining villages in Gujarat are likely to be provided with telephone facility by the end of 8th Plan.

#### *Postal*

(a) Measures to improve postal facilities in Gujarat are being regularly taken in terms of expanding the existing postal network, providing more departmental buildings, upgrading the technology of equipments used in post and mail offices, provision of speedier delivery of mails through the Speed Post network, etc.

(b) and (c). In 1992-93 and 1993-94, the Circle earned revenue of Rs. 66.51 crores and Rs. 65.057 crores respectively. The amount incurred in running the service during the same period comes to Rs. 100.32 crores and Rs. 97.85 crores respectively.

While the postal revenue in the State of Gujarat for the year 1992-93 is higher than some of other States and for the year 1993-94, final shape to information has not yet been given. Therefore, no comparison can be made at present for the year 1993-94. However, no real comparison can be made because the revenue depends on the area of the State, its population, the state of industrial and agricultural development, the number of post offices and th enature of postal business in that area.

(d) to (f). In the first two years of the 8th Plan period, 56 post offices have been sanctioned in Gujarat Circle. Target for the year 1994-95 has not yet been finalised. There are 5183 Gram Panchayats in Gujarat which do not have any post offices at present. According to the Government's policy of giving priority for providing post offices in Gram Panchayats areas, where no such facility exists, these areas will be progressively covered, subject to availability of resources, allocation of target by the Planning Commission and satisfaction of norms.

#### STATEMENT

*Revenue Earned by Gujarat Circle during 1992-93 and 1993-94 (upto Feb. '94) and other Circles is as under:*

*(In Crores of Rs.)*

Sl. No.	Name of Circle	1992-93	1993-94 (Upto Feb. '94)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	365.43	404.16
2.	Assam	45.52	56.02

Sl. No.	Name of Circle	1992-93	1993-94 (Upto Feb. '94)
3.	Bihar	110.74	111.25
4.	Gujarat	410.26	499.10
5.	Haryana	82.89	92.47
6.	Himachal Pradesh	20.38	22.30
7.	Jammu & Kashmir	20.32	17.82
8.	Karnataka	356.40	430.30
9.	Kerala	206.85	248.39
10.	Madhya Pradesh	195.57	227.84
11.	Maharashtra	386.61	449.39
12.	North East	21.96	26.58
13.	Punjab	214.56	230.00
14.	Orissa	54.94	66.17
15.	Rajasthan	160.14	193.28
16.	Tamil Nadu	264.70	315.33
17.	Uttar Pradesh	276.40	312.71
18.	West Bengal	41.91	31.61
19.	Calcutta Distt.	257.90	334.96
20.	Madras Distt.	267.20	362.44

### Telecom Project in Punjab

4560. SHRI RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that memorandum of Understanding has been signed

by Deutsche Telepost Consulting Gumbit (Detecon) of Germany, Fujitsu Ltd., of Japan and Virgo Marketing Private Limited of New Delhi with Punjab State Industrial Development Corporation (PSIDC) for setting up telecom project in Punjab;