

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action being taken by the Union Government in this regard; and

(e) the time by which a decision is likely to be taken in this regard and also the time by which the amount is likely to be provided to the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). The Govt. of Madhya Pradesh sent in all 92 proposals costing Rs. 115.26 crores to be financed under Central Road Fund. Out of these 8 proposals costing Rs. 4.05 crores have been approved.

(c) to (e). Since augmentation of Central Road Fund is yet to take place, it is too early to indicate as to when the remaining proposals will be approved.

#### Telephone Exchanges with STD In U.P. Villages

4698. SHRI ARJUN SINGH  
YADAV:  
DR. LAL BAHADUR  
RAWAL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of electronic telephone exchanges set up in Uttar Pradesh during the last two years and the number of villages where STD facility has been provided;

(b) the number of such telephone exchanges proposed to be set up in future in the State with STD facility;

(c) whether the Government propose to expand the capacity of the existing telephone exchanges; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) (i) 514 Electronic Exchanges have been set up during the last 2 years.

(ii) 16 Telephone Exchanges have been provided with STD facility.

(b) STD facility is proposed to be provided, progressively during 8th Plan period to all the exchanges subject to the availability of resources such as equipment, land, building, funds etc.

(c) & (d). It is proposed to expand the capacity of telephone exchanges during 94-95 to clear the waiting list as on 31.3.94 subject to availability of resources.

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#### Proposals from Indian Newspaper Society

4699. DR. LAXMINARAYAN  
PANDEYA:  
SHRI ANKUSHRAO  
RAOSAHEB TOPE:

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

(a) whether the Government have received any proposals from Indian Newspaper Society;

(b) if so, the details of the proposals;

(c) whether any decision has been taken on the proposals; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?