

8. Rehabilitation assistance* to sick deep sea fishing units.

Post and Telegraph offices in Karnataka

Policy of MTNL

844. DR. ASIM BALA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited has decided to revise its policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have accepted the recommendations of the Athreya Committee report in this regard; and

(d) if so, the reasons thereof?

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

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The recommendations of the Athreya Committee are being processed.

845. SHRI A. VENKATESH NAIK: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of post offices, category-wise and telegraph offices functioning at present in Karnataka, district-wise; and

(b) the proposal for opening new post offices, category-wise in near future in the State, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) District-wise information regarding the number of post offices, category-wise, and the telegraph offices functioning at present in Karnataka is given in the attached *Statements I & II* respectively.

(b) 7 more departmental sub post offices are proposed to be opened by 31.3.94 district-wise details of which are given in the attached *Statement-III*

STATEMENT-I

Details of the number of post offices, category-wise functioning at present in Karnataka, district-wise

Sl. No.	Name of district	Head post offices	Departmental sub post offices	Extra departmental sub post offices	Extra departmental branch post offices	Total
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Bangalore (Rural)	1	39	1	318	359
2.	Bangalore (Urban)	7	244	4	68	323

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3.	Belgaum	9	136	66	500	711
4.	Bellary	3	77	—	375	455
5.	Bidar	1	32	—	273	306
6.	Bijapur	5	96	8	641	750
7.	Chikmagalur	2	84	1	228	475
8.	Chitradurga	2	84	1	388	475
9.	Dakshina Kannada	8	176	117	490	791
10.	Dharwad	6	119	42	476	643
11.	Gulbarga	4	69	6	540	619
12.	Hassan	2	58	2	353	415
13.	Kodagu	1	25	3	188	217
14.	Kolar	2	58	2	349	411
15.	Mandya	2	54	1	307	364
16.	Mysore	4	104	8	488	604
17.	Raichur	2	67	1	435	505
18.	Shimoga	3	84	1	378	466
19.	Tumkur	2	77	5	483	567
20.	Uttara Kannada	3	89	18	384	494
Total		69	1745	301	7662	9777

STATEMENT II

Sl. No.	Name of the District	Number of offices providing Telegraph facility	Sl. No.	Name of the District	Number of offices providing Telegraph facility
1.	Dharwad	389	6.	Madikeri	84
2.	Bellary	132	7.	Shimoga	182
3.	Dakshina Kannada	505	8.	Uttara Kannada	237
4.	Chikmagalur	116	9.	Belgaum	394
5.	Hassan	99	10.	Bijapur	325
			11.	Gulbarga	221

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Sl. No.	Name of the District	Number of offices providing Telegraph facility
12.	Raichur	163
13.	Bidar	106
14.	Bangalore Urban	105
15.	Bangalore (Rural)	92
16.	Kolar	174
17.	Mysore	397
18.	Mandya	121
19.	Tumkur	178
20.	Chitradurga	214

STATEMENT-III

Details of the number of post offices yet to be opened during the Current Financial Year, 1993-94 in Karnataka, District-wise

Sl. No.	Name of District	Departmental sub post offices
1.	Bangalore (Rural)	1
2.	Bangalore (Urban)	1
3.	Bellary	1
4.	Bijapur	1
5.	Chikmagalur	1
6.	Dharwad	1
7.	Uttara Kannada	1
Total		7

Expansion of Doordarshan in Himachal Pradesh

846. SHRI KRISHAN DUTT SULTANPURI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken for the expansion of Doordarshan in Himachal Pradesh during the last one year;

(b) whether the Government propose to cover the entire State by Doordarshan network; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Whereas a High Power TV Transmitter has been made ready for commissioning at Shimla, two Low Power TV Transmitters one each at Sundernagar and Sujanpur, three very Low Power TV Transmitters at Ahjufort, Palampur and Dalash, and a studio set up at Shimla are at various stages of implementation in the State of Himachal Pradesh.

(b) and (c) With a view to strengthen TV service in the State 17 more TV transmitters of varying power are envisaged to be set up for improvement of terrestrial transmission. However, the entire State can receive TV service via IN-SAT using suitable dish antennae.

Automatic Exchanges in Rural Areas

847. SHRI BIR SINGH MAHATO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state: