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8.	Road over Bridge at Maninagar between Maninagar-Ahmedabad at Km. 190/6-8 (Cadila)	Approaches work completed and work on track portion is in progress. Work is likely to be completed in Nov. 97.	Rs. 73.36 lakhs
9.	Widening of Road Over Bridge for 4 lanes bet. Chhayapur-Pilol at Vadodara-Godhra section.	Progress of Work on Railway's portion is 5% and work of approaches has been completed. This work is targetted for completion by 1998.	Rs. 32.32 lakhs
10.	Road Over Bridge between Maninagar-Ahmedabad in lieu of LC No. 308/A at Km. 492/7-8 (Kokra)	Approaches work is nearing completion and Railway's portion of work has been completed up to pier cap level. This work is targetted for completion by Nov. 97.	Rs. 27.22 lakhs
11.	Road Over Bridge between Gandhigram-Vastrapur stations at Km. 23/9-10.	Tender has been awarded and the work is targetted to be completed by March'98.	Nil

#### Proposal for Badarpur Thermal Power Project

1380. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to expand Badarpur NTPC power project;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of financial assistance given so far and the likely date of completion of the project; and

(d) the total capacity utilisation of Badarpur NTPC plant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) and (b) National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) has no programme for expansion of the Badarpur Thermal Power Project.

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) and (b) above.

(d) The Plant Load Factor for the current year till 30th June, 1997 was 70.59%.

#### ADB Aided Rural Telephones

1381. SHRIMATI LAKSHMI PANABAKA :  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the foreign companies have entered into a bid for ADD aided rural telephone projects for which tenders were floated by DoT;

(b) if so, the number of foreign companies offered for the bids;

(c) the number of foreign companies have been selected for the purpose; and

(d) the time by which the projects are likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In all 14 bids have been received, eight bids directly from foreign companies and the remaining six jointly with Indian companies.

(c) Tenders are still under evaluation.

(d) It has been planned for the year 1998-99.

[Translation]

#### Irregularities Committed by TTEs

1382. SHRIMATI BHAVANABEN DEVRAJ BHAI  
CHIKHALIA :  
SHRIMATI PURNIMA VERMA :  
SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Paswan ji dekho kya scene hai" appearing in the 'Rashtriya Sahara' dated June 15, 1997;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the concrete steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to check such incidents in future and streamline the passenger facilities at Railway Station?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Complaints received from time to time, including the reports published in the newspapers are duly examined/investigated by the competent authority

and the remedial action including taking up the staff responsible for causing the complaints is taken. During 1994-95 and 1995-96, 2,407 and 2,252 members of railway staff respectively were taken up. In the specific instance referred to in the newspaper item, the enquiry was promptly conducted by Northern Railway and prima facie, no railway staff was found responsible. Regular steps are also taken to improve/streamline the passenger facilitation at the stations on a programmed basis by earmarking separate funds for passengers amenities.

#### Setting up of Local Radio Station and Low Power Transmitters

1383. SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI :  
SHRI KUNWAR SARVARAJ SINGH :

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

(a) whether the Government had set up the Local Radio Stations and Low Power Transmitters on the recommendations of the Members of Parliament;

(b) if so, the date on which these were installed and expenditure incurred thereon;

(c) whether the above Local Radio Stations and the LPTs are functioning;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY) : (a) to (e) Requests for establishment of TV/Radio Transmitters etc., are received from time to time from various quarters including MPs/VIPs. Such requests are kept in view while identifying the locations of new Transmitters.

Criteria for deciding locations of new Transmitters include factors such as extent of resultant coverage, terrain conditions of the areas, linguistic and cultural needs of the area, technical feasibility, availability of financial/infrastructural resources etc.

At present, 638 Low Power TV Transmitters and 73 Local Radio Stations are under operation. Apart from this, 18 Local Radio Stations are under various stages of implementation. Some of these Transmitters/Local Radio Stations are relaying only part transmission or not relaying transmission regularly due to non-sanctioning of adequate staff for these stations. Action has already been initiated for early sanction of staff.

#### Homoeopathic and Ayurvedic Dispensaries/Hospitals

1384. SHRI RAMCHANDRA VEERAPPA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Homoeopathic, Ayurvedic and Allopathic dispensaries/hospitals functioning under the Railways, separately; zone-wise;

(b) whether the number of Homoeopathic and Ayurvedic dispensaries are petty low in comparison with the Allopathic dispensaries;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the posts of Homoeopathic/Ayurvedic doctors are lying vacant particularly in Delhi;

(e) if so, the details thereof dispensary-wise and zone-wise; and

(f) the time by which these vacant posts are likely to be filled up alongwith the rules to be followed therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a)

#### Statement

Railway/Production Unit	Homoeopathic Dispensaries	Ayurvedic Dispensaries	Allopathic Hospitals	Allopathic Health Units
1	2	3	4	5
Central Railway	15	2	16	80
Eastern Railway	17	10	14 (including CLW)	54
Northern Railway	14	10	22 (including RCF, RDSO, DCW)	101
North Eastern Railway	24	5	10 (including DLW)	51
Northeast Frontier Railway	8	2	10	50
Southern Railway	8	3	15 (Including ICF, Wheel and Axle Plant)	63