

LPG Connections

3176. SHRI HARISH NARAYAN PRABHU ZANTYE : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of new LPG connections provided in Goa during the last three years, Years-wise; and

(b) the steps taken to provide adequate LPG connection to Goa during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH KUMAR SHARMA) : (a) The number of LPG connections released in Goa during the last three years is as under :

Year	No. of LPG connections released
1992-93	3698
1993-94	6742
1994-95	8446

(b) New LPG connections are released, in a phased manner, throughout the country including Goa, depending upon the availability of LPG, total new customer enrolment waiting list, slack available with the distributors and their viability. The target for enrolment of new LPG customers for the country during 1995-96 has been fixed at 15 lakhs.

[Translation]

Post and Telegraph Services in M.P.

3177. SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH CHAUHAN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to improve the telephones, postal and telegraph services in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the revenue earned from the above state during the year 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94 is more in comparison to the other States;

(d) if so, the expenditure incurred on these services during the above period;

(e) the extent to which improvement in such services has been registered during 1994-95;

(f) whether all the services will be made available to each and every village of MP; and

(g) if not, the time by which these services are likely to be made available?

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

(b) For the improvement of telephone telegraph and postal services in Madhya Pradesh, following department activities have been planned :

1. Telephone (Plan for the year 1995-96) :

(i) New telephone exchanges to be commissioned.	200
(ii) New telephone connections to be provided.	1,00,000
(iii) Provision of village telephones	10,400
(iv) Introduction of STD services (Stns.)	
(v) Provision of Public Telephones (PCOs)	
Local	1,050
STD	3,200

2. Telegraph (Plan for the year 95-96) :

- (i) Store & Forward Message Switching System (SFMS) 64 Ports at Bhopal and SFMS of 32 Ports at Raipur, Jabalpur and Indore are being installed.
- (ii) 64 Electronic Key Board Connections and 500 Electronic Key Boards are also planned to be introduced in the network.

3. Postal :

160 Post Offices have been sanctioned during the first three years of the 8th Five Year Plan and targets for opening of 9 Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices and 9 Departmental Sub Post Offices during 1995-96 have also been fixed for Madhya Pradesh.

(c) The revenues earned by the M.P. Circle during the year 1991-92 to 1993-94 are given below :

	(Rupees in Crores)		
	91-92	92-93	93-94
Postal	30.46	31.68	35.41
Telephone & Telegraph	163.66	208.69	268.76

Revenues earned through Postal Department in M.P. was more than the revenues earned by Assam, Bihar, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, J & K, North East, Orissa and base Circles and it was also more than the revenue of Rajasthan Circle during the year 1991-92 and 1993-94. The revenue earned from the telephone and Telegraph services during these years were more than the revenues of Assam, Bihar, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, J & K, North East, Orissa, Rajasthan and West Bengal Circles.