

**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.

(d) The expenditure incurred by the M.P. Circle during the years 1991-92 to 1993-94 are given below :

	(Rupees in Crores)		
	91-92	92-93	93-94
Postal	68.26	75.04	85.08
Telephone & Telegraph	67.70	79.44	94.17

(e) The extent of improvement in these services in Madhya Pradesh during the following years are given below :

	92-93	93-94	94-95
(i) Telephone Complaints/ 100 Stns./ Month	19.5	17.0	14.77
(ii) Telephone Faults/ 100 Stns./ Month	14.7	13.1	12.36
(iii) Telegrams delivered within 12 day light hours	90.8	91.4	93.5
(iv) 4 Post Offices have been sanctioned during the year 1994-95 in Madhya Pradesh.			

(f) & (g) *Telephone and Telegraph* : Out of 76,220 villages, 26121 have been covered with telephone and telegraph facility through long distance public telephone. The remaining villages will be covered during the 8th Five Year Plan.

*Postal* : There is no such plan to cover all the villages of Madhya Pradesh by providing post offices facility. However, facility of daily delivery of mails is being provided in all the villages of Madhya Pradesh.

#### LPTs In Dark Zone Places

3178. SHRI LAKSHMAN SINGH : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the areas and places which come under Dark Zone of the country;

(b) whether the Government propose to set up Low Power Transmitters at the above places; and

(c) if so, the time by which these LPTs are likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO) : (a) to (c) Whereas the satellite derived service of doordarshan is available throughout the country with the help of an appropriate dish antenna system, terrestrial transmission is also available, wholly or partially, to all districts of the country covering an estimated 68.4% area of the country. With a view to further augment terrestrial TV service in hitherto uncovered areas (Dark Zones), 531 TV transmitters of varying powers are presently under implementation/envisaged to be set up in the country, by the end of the Eighth plan, depending on availability of resources and other infrastructural facilities required for the purpose. On commissioning of these projects, terrestrial TV service is expected to be available to an estimated 83.2% area of the country.

[English]

#### Deployment of I.T.B.P.

3179. Maj. Gen. (Retd.) BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI :  
PROF. M. KAMSON :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether some jawans of Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) were found dead while on duty at a bank in Punjab in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the charter of duty for which Indo-Tibetan Border Police has been formed include providing security duties at banks;

(d) if so, the details of rules in this regard;

(e) if not, the reasons as to why they were deployed on wrong duty;

(f) whether Indo-Tibetan Border Police was formed only for deployment on the Indo-Tibetan Borders;

(g) whether Indo-Tibetan Border police personnel have also been deployed on providing guard duty or security to VIPs; and

(h) if so, the number of personnel deployed for these purposes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) and (b) On 16.7.95 bodies of 5 Constables, with bullet injuries, were found from the premises of P.N.B. Branch at Nakodar where they were on duty. Hawaldar Satbir Singh who was also on duty there was found missing. Later his dead body was discovered on 20.7.95. It is suspected that Hawaldar Satbir Singh killed his colleagues and later committed suicide by consuming Aluminium sulphide.