

51. The Department can consider setting up of holding companies like the Atomic Energy Commission or a Telecom Finance Corporation like the Railways.

Structure

52. It is imperative for DOT as the biggest operator to prepare itself for conversion into a private body on the lines of British Telecom.

53. Four steps are suggested towards conversion into a private body.

54. Before Conversion into a private body, the operating unit of the DoT should first be formed into a proto-corporation followed by a holding company under which there will be four Public Sector Units.

55. The present Telecom Commission should be disbanded and one part to be separated to function as a Policy Formulation Body under the Ministry of Communications. It should be manned by Telecom professional. One part will function as the Managing Board of the holding company.

[Translation]

Telephone and Post Office Facility in Panchayats of U.P.

1715. SHRI ARJUN SINGH YADAV : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Gram Panchayats having the facility of telephones and post offices in Uttar Pradesh, district-wise;

(b) the time by which this facility would be made available to each of the Gram Panchayat;

(c) the number of post offices having telegraph facility and the scheme of the Government regarding the expansion of this facility; and

(d) the details of the programmes for providing the "speed post" service in the main cities of the State, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) As on 31.10.95 and 31.3.95 the number of Gram Panchayats having facility of Public Telephones and Post Offices are 22077 and 17448 respectively. District-wise details are given in the enclosed statement-I and II respectively.

(b) (i) The public Telephone facility has been planned to be provided by the year 1997 progressively.

(ii) As regards Post office facility, there is no such plan. Government's objective is to provide Post Offices in Gram Panchayat Villages subject to

fulfilment of prescribed norms of distance, population, income and availability of resources.

(c) As on 31.10.95, the number of Post Offices having telegraph facility is 3813. Government have adopted a policy of extending the telegraph facility on these Public Telephone connections wherever there is a demand and technical feasibility exists.

(d) The details of the programme for providing "Speed Post" cannot be specified as Speed Post service is introduced in a City/Town if the same is justified on the basis of traffic and transit norms which ensure operational and financial viability.

STATEMENT-I

S.No.	Name of District	Gram Panchayat Provided with Telephone Facility as on 31.10.95
1	2	3
1.	Allahabad	814
2.	Azamagar	501
3.	Ballia	548
4.	Basti	328
5.	Banda	320
6.	Bahraic	-
7.	Barabankih	404
8.	Deoria	399
9.	Etawah	417
10.	Faizabad	486
11.	Farrukhabad	434
12.	Fatehpur	194
13.	Gorakhpur	289
14.	Gonda	495
15.	Ghazipur	312
16.	Hardoi	280
17.	Hamirpur	248
18.	Jaunpur	550
19.	Jhansi	271
20.	Jalaun	259
21.	Kanpur City	157
22.	Kanpur Dehat	486
23.	Lucknow	573
24.	Lakhimpur	387
25.	Lalitpur	95
26.	Manipuri	207
27.	Mirzapur	266
28.	Mau	440
29.	Maharajanj	174

1	2	3
30.	Pratapgarh	215
31.	Raibareilly	312
32.	Sultanpur	527
33.	Sitapur	354
34.	Shahjahanpur	291
35.	Sidharth Nagar	187
36.	Sonebhadra	154
37.	Unnao	600
38.	Varanasi	784
39.	Ghaziabad	652
40.	Bulandshahar	835
41.	Agra	
42.	Ferozabad	
43.	Dehradun	181
44.	Moradabad	408
45.	Meerut	798
46.	Saharanpur	529
47.	Haridwar	247
48.	Muzaffar Nagar	696
49.	Aligarh	497
50.	Nainital	374
51.	Bareilly	255
52.	Chamoli	61
53.	Uttarkashi	20
54.	Pauri	211
55.	Tehri	68
56.	Mathura	394
57.	Etah	417
58.	Rampur	76
59.	Badaun	382
60.	Pilibhit	74
61.	Bijnore	374
62.	Almora	316
63.	Pithoragarh	
Total		7938

STATEMENT-II

S.No.	Name of District	No. of Gram Panchayats with Post Office
1	2	3
1.	Allahabad	470
2.	Almora	438
3.	Agra	251

1	2	3
4.	Aligarh	270
5.	Azamgarh	338
6.	Banda	271
7.	Bhador	102
8.	Bareilly	154
9.	Budaun	228
10.	Basti	374
11.	Ballia	336
12.	Baharaich	366
13.	Bijnor	259
14.	Bulandshahr	300
15.	Barabanki	344
16.	Chamoli	332
17.	Deoria	243
18.	Dehradun	182
19.	Etah	200
20.	Etawah	175
21.	Fatehpur	233
22.	Farukhabad	251
23.	Firozabad	150
24.	Faizabad	590
25.	Ghazipur	356
26.	Gonda	474
27.	Ghaziabad	196
28.	Gorakhpur	329
29.	Hamirpur	210
30.	Hardoi	263
31.	Haridwar	80
32.	Jaunpur	400
33.	Jhansi	359
34.	Jalaun	322
35.	Kanpur (city)	81
36.	Kanpur (Dehat)	276
37.	Kheri	346
38.	Lalitpur	150
39.	Lucknow	154
40.	Mahoba (New District, Figures with Hamirpur)	
41.	Mirzapur	154
42.	Muzaffarnagar	274
43.	Meerut	310
44.	Mainpuri	215
45.	Mathura	186
46.	Mau	239

1	2	3
47.	Maharajganj	243
48.	Moradabad	291
49.	Nainital	227
50.	Pratapgarh	337
51.	Pilibhit	128
52.	Pithoragarh	266
53.	Padrauna	235
54.	Pauri	417
55.	Rampur	105
56.	Raebareli	417
57.	Sonbhadra	116
58.	Shahjahanpur	259
59.	Sidharathanagar	230
60.	Sharanpur	172
61.	Sultanpur	457
62.	Sitapur	349
63.	Tehri	256
64.	Unnao	247
65.	Uttarkashi	123
66.	Varanasi	344
Total		17448

*[English]***Post Offices in Kerala**

1716. SHRI MULLIAPPALLY RAMCHANDRAN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of post offices, category-wise functioning in Kerala, district-wise;

(b) whether any request for extending more postal facilities by opening of post offices in the hilly areas have been received by the Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) The number of post offices functioning in Kerala, category-wise and district-wise is given in the enclosed to statement-I.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Pending requests for opening of Post Offices in hilly areas are given in the enclosed Statement-II.

(d) Post Offices are opened under the Plan Scheme, subject to fulfilment of norms of distance, population and income and availability of resources following laid-down priorities. Pending requests have to go through this process.

STATEMENT-I

Number of Post Offices, Category-wise functioning in Kerala, district-wise.

S.No.	Name of District	HOs*	DSOs**	EDSOs***	EDBOs****	Total
1.	Alleppey	5	112	64	109	290
2.	Calicut	4	101	47	266	418
3.	Cannanore	3	99	32	244	378
4.	Eranakulam	5	139	38	199	381
5.	Idukki	2	52	14	233	301
6.	Kasaragod	2	30	16	186	234
7.	Kottayam	5	124	55	225	209
8.	Malappuram	4	97	42	287	430
9.	Palghat	4	138	43	265	450
10.	Pathanamthitta	3	100	50	157	310
11.	Quilon	4	103	55	197	359
12.	Trivandrum	4	142	23	248	417
13.	Thrichur	5	166	54	263	488
14.	Wyanad	1	18	3	139	161
Total		51	1421	536	3018	5026

* Head Post Office.

** Departmental Sub Post Office

*** Extra Departmental Sub Post Office.

**** Extra Departmental Branch Post Office.