

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Union Government in this regard;

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

(a) to (c). In all, 24 schemes for flood management costing Rs.113.97 crore have been received for appraisal during 1993 to 1995. Out of these, 9 schemes, costing Rs.47.12 crore have been approved techno-economically by the Centre. Clarifications on 4 schemes, costing Rs 41.10 crore have been requested from the State Government. Response from the State Government is awaited. 6 schemes, costing Rs.15.10 crore were deleted from the appraisal list of the Centre as no response was received from the State Government for more than two years. Appraisal of 5 schemes, costing Rs. 10.65 crore received recently during October-November, 1995, is presently in progress.

Telephone Connections in Maharashtra

1816. SHRI RAM KAPSE : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of applications for telephone connections pending clearance in Maharashtra as on September 30, 1995, with period of pendency, particularly in Thane district;

(b) the reasons for the pendency; and

(c) the time by which the pending applications, with dates of registration are expected to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) 331542 applications for telephone connections were pending as on 30-9-95 in Maharashtra (Including MTNL Bombay). This includes 67286 applications pending in Thane district.

The date of registration of the earliest applicant waiting for telephone connection in Thane district is 9-10-86 under Non-OYT General Category and is 27-3-92 under OYT category.

(b) Constraints of financial and physical resources.

(c) During 1995-96 the department has planned to provide about 4.38 lakh telephone connections in Maharashtra (Including MTNL Bombay). This should clear most of the present waiting list in Maharashtra (Including Thane and MTNL Bombay) by March 1996 subject to timely availability of equipments and other resources. However, National Telecom Policy, 1994

engvisages provision of telephones in demand throughout the country including Maharashtra by 1997.

Change in News Timing of Madras Doordarshan

1817. DR. (SHRIMATI) K.S. SOUNDARAM : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the fact that the brief news on Madras Doordarshan and regional news on AIR, Madras are telecast/broadcast at the same time;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to change the broadcasting time of brief news in the public interest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI P.M. SAYEED) : (a) The Regional news bulletins of AIR and Doordarshan, Madras are not broadcast/telecast at the same time.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[Translation]

On-Going Irrigation Projects

1818. SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV :
SHRI KUNJEE LAL :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the on-going major and medium irrigation projects in Bihar and Rajasthan;

(b) whether some of these projects are being provided with special Central assistance;

(c) if so, the details thereof; State-wise;

(d) the present status of the above projects; and

(e) the time by which these projects are likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a), (d) and (e). A *statement* giving details of ongoing Major and Medium Irrigation Projects in Bihar and Rajasthan is enclosed.

(b) and (c). Central Assistance to the States is in form of block loans and grants not tied to any project or sector of development. However, Additional Central Assistance under Border Area Development Programme is being released to Government of Rajasthan for Indira Gandhi Nahar Pariyojana. An amount of Rs. 164 crores was approved for release to the State Government during the VIII Plan upto March, 1995. Approved outlay for 1995-96 is Rs. 60 crores.

STATEMENT

Details of ongoing major and medium Irrigation Projects of Bihar and Rajasthan

S.No.	Name of Project	Latest Estimated cost (Rupees in crores)	Estimated Expenditure upto March, 1995 (Rupees in crores)	Schedule of completion
1	2	3	4	5
	BIHAR			
	MAJOR			
1.	Subernarekha Project	1428.89	622.61	Beyond VIII Plan
2.	Ajoy Barrage (Siktia)	133.11	81.41	-do-
3.	Auranga Reservoir	257.00	18.40	-do-
4.	Barnar Reservoir	102.08	36.07	-do-
5.	Bateshwar Nath Pump Phase - I	136.67	21.88	-do-
6.	Bagmati Irrigation	314.67	36.14	-do-
7.	Bansagar Dam (State Share)	140.00	54.36	-do-
8.	Durgavati Reservoir	147.40	78.34	VIII Plan
9.	Gandak Phase-II	445.23	62.43	Beyond VIII Plan
10.	Konar Diversion	225.40	81.41	-do-
11.	North Koel Reservoir	475.00	386.01	VIII Plan
12.	Kosi Eastern Canal Phase - II	123.86	53.95	Beyond VIII Plan
13.	Punasi Reservoir	145.00	39.11	Beyond VIII Plan
14.	Tilaiya Diversion	121.83	21.38	-do-
15.	Upper Kiul Reservoir	71.35	66.23	-do-
16.	Western Kosi Canal	357.44	227.33	-do-
	MEDIUM			
1.	Batane Reservoir	34.78	29.82	VIII Plan
2.	Bilasi Reservoir	12.02	9.33	VIII Plan
3.	Bhairwa Reservoir	25.08	13.10	-do-
4.	Bateshwarnathan Pump Phase - II	24.23	4.59	Beyond VIII Plan
5.	Basuki Irrigation cum Water Supply	16.88	0.16	-do-
6.	Dhansing Tuli Reservoir	17.10	13.08	VIII Plan
7.	Dakranala Pump Phase - I	79.57	50.19	-do-
8.	Dakranala Pump Phase - II	11.48	5.43	Beyond VIII Plan
9.	Gunani Reservoir	58.42	26.48	-do-
10.	Jharihar Reservoir	24.50	1.96	-do-
11.	Kansjore Reservoir	25.75	20.92	VIII Plan
12.	Katri Reservoir	28.64	21.18	-do-
13.	Kans Reservoir	18.40	11.90	-do-
14.	Keso Reservoir	16.83	5.62	Beyond VIII Plan
15.	Latrata Reservoir	41.98	37.56	VIII Plan
16.	Malai Irrigation	6.33	1.54	Beyond VIII Plan
17.	Nakati Reservoir	16.99	12.97	VIII Plan
18.	Orni Reservoir	32.74	30.80	-do-
19.	Panch Khera Reservoir	16.85	4.47	Beyond VIII Plan
20.	Ramrekha Reservoir	20.14	4.28	-do-
21.	Sakrigali Pump Canal	8.43	8.49	VIII Plan
22.	Surangi Reservoir	17.55	11.50	-do-

1	2	3	4	5
23.	Sonua Reservoir	37.46	22.53	VIII Plan
24.	Sindwarni Reservoir	21.95	9.27	Beyond VIII Plan
25.	Suru Reservoir	14.83	5.04	-do-
26.	Stalya Reservoir	10.77	0.11	-do-
27.	Satpotka Reservoir	16.10	0.15	-do-
28.	Toral Reservoir	56.18	19.34	-do-
29.	Upper Sankh Reservoir	29.22	12.27	-do-
30.	Sone (Modernisation) Scheme			
	(a) Jasia Pump	-	4.18	-do-
	(b) Kadwan Reservoir	-	6.89	-do-
	(c) Sone Modernisation	310.93	47.81	-do-
	RAJASTHAN			
	MAJOR			
1.	Indira Gandhi Nahar Project, Stage-I (ERM)	363.57	305.82	VIII Plan
2.	Indira Gandhi Nahar Project, Stage - II	2463.00	963.61	Beyond VIII Plan
3.	Mahi Bajaj Sagar Project Unit - I (Dam and appurtenant works)	59.43	56.30	-do-
	Mahi Bajaj Sagar Project Unit - II Stage - I (Canal System)	324.30	243.32	-do-
4.	Jakham	93.50	83.56	VIII Plan
	Gurgaon Canal (Share Cost)	35.40	22.19	Beyond VIII Plan
	Narmada (SSP) Share Cost)	548.00	47.22	-do-
5.	Sidhmukh and Nohar	229.20	71.04	-do-
6.	Bisalpur	186.92	66.92	-do-
7.	Som Kamla Amba	178.81	123.35	VIII Plan
8.	Harish Chandra Sagar	12.25	10.79	-do-
	MEDIUM			
1.	Bhim Sagar	23.21	21.45	VIII Plan
2.	Somkagdar	23.63	22.53	-do-
3.	Bilas	18.00	16.61	-do-
4.	Panchana	47.71	38.31	-do-
5.	Sawan Bhadon	25.00	20.24	-do-
6.	Chhapi	47.03	25.73	VIII Plan
7.	Parwan Lift	17.95	11.17	-do-
8.	Modernisation of Gang Canal and Gang Link Canal	250.84	29.49	Beyond VIII Plan
9.	Jaisamand	15.00	5.98	-do-
10.	Gambhiri	16.71	8.10	-do-
11.	Meja	31.62	7.36	-do-
12.	Morel	145.76	2.64	-do-
13.	Mashi	2.50	1.57	-do-
14.	Gudha	10.50	2.15	-do-
15.	Alnia	2.77	1.66	-do-
16.	Parwan	2.61	1.23	-do-

Post Offices

1819. SHRIMATI BHAVNA CHIKHLIA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed and achieved separately for opening of Branch post offices/Sub post offices during the last three years and current year, State-wise;

(b) whether Gram Panchayat Headquarters, backward and rural areas will be given priority for opening Branch post-offices and Sub post offices; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) The target fixed and achieved for opening of extra departmental branch post offices and departmental sub post offices during the last three years and current year, Postal Circle-wise, is given in the enclosed *statement*.

(b) Yes, Sir.

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

STATEMENT

Target Fixed and Achieved for Opening of Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices/Departmental Sub Post Offices during the last three years and 1995-96.

S.No. Name of Circle	During last three years				1995-96			
	Target		Achievement		Target		Achievement	
	BO*	SO**	BO	SO	BO	SO	BO	SO
1. Andhra Pradesh	38	15	18	20	2	5	-	-
2. Assam	57	10	53	10	4	4	-	-
3. Bihar	163	27	160	9	10	11	-	-
4. Delhi	-	21	-	18	-	10	-	2
5. Gujarat	50	25	45	12	4	12	-	1
6. Haryana	22	20	26	9	2	10	-	-
7. Himachal Pradesh	42	9	105	4	7	10	-	2
8. J&k	10	4	28	1	-	2	-	-
9. Karnataka	31	22	31	18	1	10	-	-
10. Kerala	33	18	45	15	1	9	-	-
11. Madhya Pradesh	95	19	85	16	9	9	-	-
12. Maharashtra	145	27	142	43	9	12	-	-
13. North East	76	10	75	5	4	4	-	-
14. Orissa	79	13	82	12	4	4	-	-
15. Punjab	23	11	18	11	2	4	-	-
16. Rajasthan	95	23	92	14	5	10	-	2
17. Tamil Nadu	26	16	18	11	2	4	-	1
18. Uttar Pradesh	182	41	193	28	12	16	-	-
19. West Bengal	113	19	90	6	2	4	-	-
Total	1280	350	1306	262	80	150	-	8

* Branch Post Office.

** Departmental Sub Post Office.

Telephone Connections in Villages in Bihar

1820. SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the villages have connected with telephone facility in Chhota Nagpur region in Bihar;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor and the number of villages yet to be connected with such facility;

(c) whether any target has been fixed to connect the villages with telephone facility during 1995-96; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) and (b). No, Sir. The number of villages yet to be provided with public telephone facility in Chhota Nagpur region