

*[English]***Structural Reforms**

2865. SHRI ASHOK ANANDRAO DESHMUKH : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

- (a) whether there is an increase in the number of poor people after the implementation of structural reforms;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken to ensure that structural reforms measures do not adversely effect the poor people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAVA) : (a) and (b). The estimates of poverty are made by the Planning Commission using the data on quinquennial National Sample Survey of household consumer expenditure. The last two such surveys were held in years 1987-88 and 1993-94. Some provisional results based on sub-sample I of the 1993-94 survey carried out in the post reform period have been made available. The partial results available for the 1993-94 survey, from the point of view of their implications for poverty situation in 1993-94, are being studied.

(c) The Government's strategy for poverty alleviation includes :

- (i) Overall programme of economic reform designed to promote rapid, broad-based, employment intensive economic growth;
- (ii) Increased allocation for special employment generation programmes for the poor;
- (iii) New programmes for providing social security to the poor; and
- (iv) Stepping up in the Plan Outlay of Central Government, the share of social sectors, such as education, health and welfare of weaker sections.

*[Translation]***Coverage by Akashvani and Doordarshan in Rajasthan**

2866. SHRI RAM SINGH KASHWAN : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have formulated any scheme to bring more area of Rajasthan under Akashvani and Doordarshan coverage and expansion of media;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the proposed T.V. transmitter at Churu district of Rajasthan is likely to start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI P.M. SAYEED) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Three schemes of All India Radio as well as seven High Power Transmitters, 38 Low Power Transmitters/Very Low Power Transmitters of Doordarshan in Rajasthan are envisaged to be set up in order to improve coverage subject to availability of requisite funds, infrastructure facilities and inter-se priorities.

(c) Low Power Transmitter at Rajgarh in Churu district is under implementation and is expected to be ready by March, 1996 subject to availability of resources.

Telecom Facility

2867. SHRIMATI BHAVNA CHIKHLIA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to provide telecommunications facilities on priority basis, particularly in backward/rural areas; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) Yes, Sir. Government have adopted National Telecom Policy, 1994, which envisages provision of a Public Telephone facility to each village of the Country, including backward/rural areas, progressively by the year 1997. No priorities have been allotted as such. Telegraph facility is also being provided on such Public Telephones wherever there is a demand and traffic justifies it.

(b) Upto 30-11-1995, 194848 villages have been provided with Public Telephone facility out of which 50536 have also telegraph facility. The State-wise details are given in the attached Statement.

STATEMENT

Status of Telecom Facility Available in Villages upto 30.11.1995.

S. No.	State	Total No. of Villages	No. of Villages with Public Telephone facility (VPTs)	No. of VPTs* with telegraph facility
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	29460	17000	1974
2.	Assam	22224	7065	230
3.	Bihar	79208	11250	3394

1	2	3	4	5
4.	Gujarat (Including Dadar & Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu)	18735	12527	1147
5.	Haryana	7190	6276	64
6.	Himachal Pradesh	16997	3211	173
7.	Jammu & Kashmir	6447	1421	290
8.	Karnataka	27024	11118	1596
9.	Kerala	1530	1530	9
10.	Madhya Pradesh	71526	26400	26192
11.	Maharashtra	40430	20596	1365
12.	North-East (Including Mizoram, Nagaland, Aruncahal, Meghalaya, Tripura and Manipur)	14197	2111	Nil
13.	Orissa	46989	10600	3340
14.	Punjab	13253	8411	270
15.	Rajasthan	37889	10601	2193
16.	Tamil Nadu (Including Pondicherry)	20196	13479	2215
17.	Uttar Pradesh	112568	24979	4734
18.	East Bengal (Including Sikkim)	38337	5954	1350
19.	A & N Islands	534	128	
20.	M.T.N.L., N. Delhi	191	191	Nil
Total		604925	194848	50536

*VPTs- Village Public Telephones.

[English]

New Petrol Retail Outlets

2868. DR.SAKSHIJI : Will the Minister of PETORLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the new petrol retail outlets in Uttar Pradesh sanctioned by the Oil Selection Board during 1994-95 have been allotted to the concerned allottees;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH KUMAR SHARMA) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. LOIs for all the 111 retails outlet dealerships recommended by the OSB (UP) in the 1994-95 have been issued by the Oil Marketing Compaines.

(c) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Post Office Buildings

2869. SHRI N.J. RATHVA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the amount earmarked for construction of departmental buildings for post offices during 1995-96, State-wise; and

(b) the places, where these buildings are proposed to be constructed during the current financial year, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) Details of the amount earmarked for construction of departmental buildings for post offices during 1995-96 is given in the attached Statement.

(b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

Details of Amount Earmarked for Construction of Departmental Buildings for Post Offices During 1995-96 — Postal Circle-wise

Circle	Amount (Rupees in Lakhs)
Andhra Pradesh	1.30
Assam	13.50
Bihar	20.95
Delhi	2.80
Gujarat	68.78
Haryana	16.31
Himachal Pradesh	62.06
J & K	15.69
Kerala	88.20
Karnataka	48.37
Madhya Pradesh	53.70
Maharashtra	127.92
North East	36.89
Orissa	37.60
Punjab	-
Rajasthan	23.99
Tamilnadu	24.57
Uttar Pradesh	15.01
West Bengal	25.97
Total	683.61