

Telephone Exchange at Bairmo (Bihar)

1018. SHRI RAMDAS SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a telephone exchange in Bairmo (Bihar);

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be commissioned; and

(c) whether the Government propose to link this exchange with Delhi by STD.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JAI PARKASH): (a) and (b). There is no place like Bairmo where demand to open telephone exchange exists; but a manual exchange of 300 lines capacity is working at Bairmo District Giridih (Bihar).

(c) Yes, Sir. There is a proposal to

provide STD facility to Bermo during 1991-92 subject to availability of equipment and transmission media.

Indians in Gulf Countries

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether are large number of Indians are still residing in various Gulf countries; and

(b) if so, the number thereof country-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The number of Indians in various Gulf countries at present is estimated to be as follows:

Bahrain	-	90,000
Iran	-	10,000
Iraq	-	130
Kuwait	-	500 to 6,000
Oman	-	2,00,000
Qatar	-	75,000
Saudi Arabia	-	6,12,000
United Arab Emirates	-	4,00,000
Yemen	-	8,000
