

Setting up of Post Offices and Telegraph Offices in Bastar District of Bihar

1086. SHRI TEJ NARAYAN SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in Bastar district of Bihar which are not having any post and telegraph offices; and

(b) the number of post office, sub-post office and telegraph office set up in the said area during 1990-91 and likely to be set up during 1991-92?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JAI PARKASH): (a) There is no Bastar district in Bihar. However, in respect of Bastar district in Madhya Pradesh, the information is given below:

(i) No. of villages without post Offices 2989

(ii) No. of villages without telegraph offices 3417

(b) No Post Office of telegraph office has been set up during 1990-91 so far. It is proposed to open 5 post offices up to 31.3.1991. Programme for opening of new post offices in 1991-92 is yet to be finalised. No telegraph office is likely to be set up in 1991-92 in Bastar district.

Construction of ISRI Bazar Road Bypass in Bihar on National Highway No.2.

1087. SHRI R.L.P. VERMA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the compensation has been

paid for the land acquired for the construction of Isri Bazar Road (Giridih-Bihar) a three kilometers bypass on National Highway No.2;

(b) whether allocation has been made for the construction of an overbridge to the Eastern Railway; and

(c) if so, the time by which the construction of the bypass and overbridge would be started?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES AND MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) Money for compensation has been released to the Land Acquisition Officer.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) As the Eighth Five Year Plan is yet to be finalised, it is too early to indicate when the construction of the bridge would be started.

Applications for Telephone Connections in Rajasthan

1088. SHRI GULAB CHAND KATARIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons on the waiting list for telephone connections in major cities of Rajasthan, category-wise;

(b) since when the applications are pending;

(c) whether an electronic telephone exchange has been sanctioned for Udaipur city; and

(d) if so, the present position thereof?

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