

Honnagar, Hunsur, Jamkhandi, Kurta, Kushalnagar, Karkala, Kollegal, Mulky, Moodabidri, Maddur, Pavagada, Padubidri, Sira, Srirangapatna, Sankeshwar Shahabad, Yadgiri.

Public Telephone Booths in Delhi

247. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of public telephone booths in Delhi;

(b) how many of those have STD facility;

(c) the total income from these booths annually;

(d) whether Government propose to increase public telephone booths in the capital; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) and (b). The total number of public telephone booths in Delhi as on 30th November, 1989 is 5279. Out of these, 41 have STD facility.

(c) Rs. 2,00,21,815/- for the year 1988-89.

(d) and (e). Yes, Sir. It is proposed to improve the position substantially in the coming years.

Linking of Manali with Delhi by STD

248. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to link Manali with Delhi by STD; and

(b) if so, the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Manali is proposed to be planned for S.T.D. facility during the Eighth Plan period.

Modernisation of Postal Services

249. SHRI SRIKANTHA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to expand and modernise the postal services in the country during the Eighth Plan period;

(b) if so, the schemes drawn up, if any, in that regard, State-wise;

(c) the amount earmarked or estimated for implementing those schemes in that plan period; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) *Modernisation*:- The Department of Posts has some proposals to modernise the services through use of technology.

(b) *Expansion*:- Preliminary exercises have been carried at the Departmental level to project the expansion of the postal network during the Eighth Plan. Specific schemes can be formulated only after this preliminary approach of the Eighth Plan is approved by Finance Ministry and Planning