

Satellite Facility for Money Orders

2797. MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI: Will the minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to utilise satellite facilities for quick and effective delivery of money orders;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any priority will be given to remote and hilly areas in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b). Yes, sir. The Department is planning to use satellite communication channel for the expeditious transmission of money order advises.

In the phase-I of the Electronic money transfer project, it is planned to install micro-earth stations in 75 Post Offices which will serve as receipt and dispatch centers for money orders. The locations are chosen in such a way as to give expeditious link to other post offices situated in far-flung and remote areas of the country.

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. The 75 stations would cover remote and hilly areas also.

[*Translation*]

Telephone Connections in Bihar from M.Ps Quota

2798. SHRI SURYANARAYAN SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephone connec-

tions sanctioned and released category-wise in Bihar during the current year out of the quota fixed for the Members of Parliament as per their recommendations;

(b) the number of telephone connections yet to be released particularly in Begusarai district; and

(c) the time by which these are likely to be released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Of the 595 telephone connections sanctioned, 463 connections have been released, all under N-OYT (Gen) Category.

(b) 132 telephone connections are yet to be released, out of which 8 telephone connections pertain to Begusarai District.

(c) Out of the 132 connections yet to be released, 61 parties have not registered for telephone connections. These will be released after registrations are made. The remaining 71 telephone connections which are pending due to non-feasibility will be released in 1994 as soon as they become feasible. 17 connections are likely to become feasible by March 1994.

[*English*]

Cooperation with China in Telecommunications

2799. SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD:
SHRI G. DEVARAYA NAIK:
SHRI TARACHAND
KHANDELWAL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state: