

Opening of Public Call offices in Almora Chamoli, Uttarkashi, Pauri, Tehri and Pithoragarh Districts of Uttar Pradesh

1789. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of Public Call Offices opened in Almora, Chamoli, Uttarkashi, Pauri, Tehri and Pithoragarh districts of Uttar Pradesh, separately during the years 1982-83, 1983-84 and 1984-85; year-wise;

(b) whether very few Public Call Offices were opened in these districts during 1983-84;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken for opening Public Call Offices in these areas in sufficient number so as to meet their present requirement ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) The number of Public Call Offices opened in these districts are given below :

<i>Distt.</i>	82-83	83-84	84-85
Almora	14	6	—
Chamoli	2	—	—
Uttarkashi	1	2	—
Pauri	—	—	2
Tehri	1	—	—
Pithoragarh	5	4	3

(b) 12 Public call offices were opened in these districts during 1983-84, as against a total of 293 in Uttar Pradesh Circle.

(c) The progress is slow due to hilly area.

(d) Public Call Offices on Multi Access Rural Radio schemes have been proposed for the districts of Almora, Chamoli, Uttarkashi, Pauri, Tehri and Pithoragarh.

[English]

STD Facilities in Orissa during 1985-86

1790. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have a proposal to provide STD facilities between the metropolitan cities and the important cities of different States;

(b) if so, the names of the important cities in Orissa proposed to be provided with S.T.D. facilities with the metropolitan cities in 1985-86; and

(c) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c). During 1985-86, no new city in Orissa is proposed to be provided with S.T.D. facilities with the metropolitan cities.

[Translation]

Setting up of the Office of the Superintendent of Post Offices at Jaisalmer, Rajasthan

1791. SHRI VIRDHI CHANDER JAIN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the border district Jaisalmer has no office of the Superintendent of Post Offices despite being the largest district of Rajasthan and having Rajasthan (Indira) Canal and tourist places; and

(b) if so, the time by which the said Office will be set up at the Jaisalmer district headquarters in order to fulfil the just demand of the local people ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) There is no Office of Superintendent of Post Offices in Jaisalmer District.