

II. The new telegraph offices/combined offices to be opened during 1985-86.

Names of Departmental Telegraph offices (DTO's)

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| 1. Dumdum | Calcutta. |
| 2. Jadavpur University | Calcutta. |
| 3. Behala | Calcutta. |
| 4. Maniktala | Calcutta. |

Names of Combined Offices:

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| 1. Bheduasol | 8. Mathurapur |
| 2. Regent Estate-Calcutta. | 9. Bademsur-Calcutta. |
| 3. Boinchigram | 10. Mothabari |
| 4. Durgachak | 11. Ratna |
| 5. Bhaktinagar | 12. Mukdumpura |
| 6. Saluja | 13. Pandapur. |
| 7. Krishnaganj | |

**Oil drilling in Andaman Region by
Oil India**

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

2234. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Oil India is launching up an oil drilling programme in the Andaman region;

(b) if so, its broad outlines; and

(c) the capital outlay involved and the areas proposed to be explored in the above region ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) to (c) Oil India have proposed to drill six wells in the Andaman offshore area at an estimated cost of Rs. 140.71 Crores.

Telegraph Offices at Asansol

2235. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of telegraph offices functioning in Asansol town and location of those offices;

(b) whether Government are considering to open another such office there;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) At present, one Departmental Telegraph Office and two Combined P and T Offices are functioning in Asansol Town. The DTO is situated near Railway Station on G. T. Road. Of the two Combined Offices, one Combined Office is near Asansol Court and the other near Railway Station.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Government is considering to open another Telegraph Office, in Asansol.

The traffic justification and technical feasibility for opening Telegraph Office is being examined.

(d) Does'nt arise.

**Effect of Ban on Creation of New
Posts on Commissioning of
Automatic Exchanges**

2236. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the programme of Government to convert small automatic exchanges

into CBM/CBNM Exchanges, has suffered on account of the non-availability of trained telephone operators and other technical staff who cannot be recruited on account of the ban imposed by the Ministry of Finance on the filling up of existing vacancies and the creation of new posts;

(b) if so, whether his Ministry have pointed it out to the Ministry of Finance and sought the removal of this ban in the interest of operational efficiency and expansion in the sector of telecommunications;

(c) if so, the result thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

**Issue of Commemorative Postal Stamps
in 1985-86**

2237. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the programme of the Ministry to bring out commemorative stamps during the current financial year 1985-86 has been finalised;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the dates on which each of the stamps would be released; and

(c) if not, the likely date by which the programme would be finalised and whether literary, cultural and artistic themes and events would also be given adequate representation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) and (b) Programme for issue of commemorative/special stamps is chalked out for the Calendar Year and not for the Financial Year. The programme of issues proposed for the year 1985 is given in the statement attached. In some cases the dates for the issues are yet to be announced.

(c) Not applicable in view of the above reply.

Statement

Programme for Issue of Commemorative/Special Postage Stamps During the Year 1985.

No.	Date of Issue	Particulars of the Stamps
1	2	3
1.	2nd January	Fergusson College, Pune
2.	10th January	Kakasaheb Gadgil
3.	15th January	The Regiment of Artillery
4.	31st January	Indra Gandhi
5.	2nd February	Minicoy Light House
6.	20th February	Medical College, Calcutta
7.	6th March	Medical College, Madras
8.	29th March	Assam Rifles
9.	1st April	Potato Research
10.	4th April	Baba Jassa Singh Ahluwalia
11.	12th April	St. Xavier's College, Calcutta
12-13.	12th April	Bougainvillea