

**Statement**

*The total number of Postal Divisions and Sub-Divisions, district-wise in Orissa*

Name of the District	Divisions	Number of Postal Sub-Divisions
1. Balasore	2	8
2. Balangir	1	4
3. Cuttack	3	12
4. Dhenkanal	1	5
5. Kalahandi	—	4
6. Koraput	1	7
7. Keonjhar	1	5
8. Mayurbhanj	1	8
9. Phulbani	1	4
10. Puri	2	9
11. Sambalpur	1	6
12. Sundergarh	1	5
13. Ganjam	2	9

*The total number of Telecom Divisions and Sub-Divisions in Orissa*

1. Balasore	1	1
2. Balangir	—	2
3. Cuttack	2	3
4. Dhenkanel	—	1
5. Ganjam	1	2
6. Kalahandi	—	—
7. Keonjhar	—	1
8. Koraput	—	1
9. Mayurbhanj	—	1
10. Phulbani	—	1
11. Puri	1	3
12. Sambalpur	1	3
13. Sundergarh	1	1

**Construction of Buildings for Sub Post Offices and Head Post Offices in Orissa**

6521. SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the office buildings for sub-post offices and head post offices along-with staff quarters so far provided in Orissa Circle, Districtwise;

(b) the telephone exchange buildings and the staff quarters provided so far, sub-Division-wise in Telecommunication Circle, Orissa;

(c) whether the postal buildings and Telephone Exchange buildings and also the staff quarters facilities in tribal areas are less than in other areas;

(d) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Circles and his Ministry to reduce the development gap between the tribal and other areas during the coming years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) *Postal*—Total number of Sub Post Offices and Head Post Offices in Orissa Postal Circle are 1174, out of which 98 are in Departmental buildings and 1076 in rented buildings. Total number of staff quarters provided in the Orissa Postal Circle District wise is given in the attached statement-I.

*Telecom.*—Nil

(b) *Telecom*—The number of telephone exchange buildings and staff quarters/Sub-Division wise in Orissa Telecommunication Circle is given in statement-II attached.

*Postal*—Nil

(c) *Postal*—Yes, Sir, facilities of Postal buildings and Staff Quarters in Tribal areas are comparatively less than in other areas.

*Telecom.*—Yes, Sir.

(d) *Postal*—The projects are being released in phased manner subject to availability of fund and sites.

*Telecom.*—There is no appreciable demand of Telephones in the tribal areas and consequently the number of staff is also less.

(e) *Postal*—It is proposed to construct 8 staff quarters in tribal areas during 1985-86.

*Telecom*.—While norms have been prescribed for opening long distances public telephones in tribal areas even on loss basis, no priority is given for telephone exchanges and staff quarters. The telephone exchanges are planned according to the demand of telephones and the staff quarters are constructed subject to availability of land and funds.

**Statement—I**

District	No. of Postal staff quarters
Puri	227
Cuttack	55
Dhenkanal	11
Bolangir	2
Sambalpur	72
Balasore	28
Ganjam	3
Phulbani	5
Koraput	4
Sundargarh	95
Kalahandi	2
Keonjhar	Nil
Mayurbhanj	Nil
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**Statement—II**

*The position regarding number of T.E. and staff quarters sub-division-wise in Telecom Circle Orissa*

Sl. No.	Subdivision	No. of Telephone Exchanges	No. of staff quarters
1.	Baripada	1	Nil
2.	Balasore	2	21
3.	Dhenkanal	2	2

4. Cuttack	1	49
5. Paradeep	2	2
6. Keonjhar	1	Nil
7. Bhubaneswar	1	193
8. Jatni	1	5
9. Puri	2	18
10. Phulbani	1	Nil
11. Berhampur	2	9
12. Jeypore	1	Nil
13. Titlgarh	1	Nil
14. Bolangir	1	Nil
15. Sambalpur	2	88
16. Jharsuguda	1	24
17. Rourkela	2	107

**Policy and Norms to open Branch Post Offices and Telephone Facilities in Orissa**

6522. SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that though there is a liberal policy and norms to open branch post offices and extend telephone facilities in tribal areas of Orissa, the progress made so far to provide these facilities is less and not up to the standard of the other areas;

(b) if so, the reasons for the non-implementation of the policy by the Orissa Circle;

(c) if implemented, the developments made during the Sixth Plan in tribal areas and other areas, district-wise;

(d) whether the funds and the equipments have been earmarked for tribal areas to avoid delay and diversions; and

(e) if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) The progress made in Tribal areas is comparable to other areas.

(b) Does not arise.