

(b) The Department of Industrial Development in the Ministry of Industry examines all proposals, in consultation with technical authorities, regarding introduction of new models of cars involving import of technology.

**Electrification Programme of Villages in Andhra Pradesh**

4978. SHRI V. TULSIRAM :  
SHRI R. M. BHOYA :

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of villages in Andhra Pradesh where electrification programme has been taken up during the last three years;

(b) the number of villages covered under the State schemes, Centrally assisted schemes and the assistance provided by the World Bank ;

(c) the percentage of the Central financial assistance and the World Bank assistance released and utilised ;

(d) the guidelines issued by Union Government, if any, in this regard ; and

(e) whether Andhra Pradesh Government have approached Union Government to increase the financial assistance for the purpose ; if so, by how much and the time by which necessary funds will be made available to the State ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI) : (a) and (b). The targets and achievements of village electrification in Andhra Pradesh during the last 3 years under different schemes were as follows :

Year	Target	Achievement
1983-84	1600	1000
1984-85	1190	1193
1985-86	800	826

(c) During the last 3 Years a sum of Rs. 7829 lakhs of Central assistance was disbursed to Andhra Pradesh which included a sum of Rs. 3254 lakhs (42%) of World Bank assistance.

(d) Instructions have been issued by the Union Government from time to time to accelerate the pace of rural electrification and to fully utilise the Central assistance for this purpose.

(e) Based on Annual Plan discussions, the Planning Commission has recommended an outlay of Rs. 20 crores (tentative) for the rural electrification Programme in Andhra Pradesh during 1987-88

**Transport Subsidy to Andhra Pradesh**

4979. SHRI V. TULSIRAM : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the reasons for which the transport subsidy is not being given to Andhra Pradesh even though it is an industrially backward State ;

(b) whether Union Government propose to give this subsidy to Andhra Pradesh ; and

(c) if so, the time by which it would be given ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c). The Transport Subsidy is given mainly to compensate the industrial units for the high transport costs prevailing in the hilly, remote and inaccessible areas.

There is no proposal at present to extend the scheme to Andhra Pradesh as it does not suffer from cost disadvantages in the matter of transport to the extent areas covered under the scheme do.

**Post Offices in Mahboob Nagar, Andhra Pradesh**

4980. SHRI V. TULSIRAM : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether one post offices is functioning every Panchayat mandal in Mahoob Nagar district, Andhra Pradesh as per Government's policy;

(b) if so, the total number of post office in Mahboob Nagar district in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) whether there are less number of post offices in Andhra Pradesh than the number of post offices required for the specified public; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to increase number of post office in Andhra Pradesh particularly in Mahboob Nagar district ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) Post offices exist at the headquarters of all the 64 mandal praja parishads in Mahboob Nagar district of Andhra Pradesh. As regards government policy, the criteria prescribed for opening of post offices are based on population, distance form the nearest existing post office and the percentage of expected income in relation to cost. Within these criteria due importance is given to villages where panchayat institution are located.

(b) The total number of post offices in Mahboob Nagar district is 828.

(c) No, Sir. On the contrary, post offices have been set up on a very liberal scale in the State. In the country as a whole, a post office serves, on average, an area of 22.76 sq kms. and a population of 4745. The corresponding figures for Andhra Pradesh 17 sq. kms and 3317 persons. There are, in all, 16,123 post offices in the State which places the State second in the country next only to Uttar Pradesh, the most populous State.

(d) In view of reply to (c) above, the question does not arise at present. However, the additional requirements if any, are being assessed, as part of a general exercise that is being carried out in other States/Union Territories as well.

#### Target for Telecommunication Research Center

4981. SHRI RAM DHAN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the targets fixed for Telecommunication Research Centre for Sixth and Seventh Five Year Plan periods,

(b) the achievements during the Sixth and Seventh Plans so far; and

(c) the total expenditure incurred on the T. R. C during the above period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) : Telecommunication Research Center (TRC) is the R and D unit of the Department of Telecommunications and is to assist the Department in introduction of new technologies in the telecommunication services and to keep it-self abreast of the advances in the telecommunication technology. During the Sixth and Seventh Plans, the target has been one of self-reliance and introduction of digital technology in switching and transmission, stabilisation of existing analog technology, modernisation of trunk exchanges, modernisation of telegraph network, improvements in External Plant practices, development of Data Switching and development of Telematic services.

(b) During the Sixth Plan the objectives laid down in the S and T Plan have been broadly achieved. Development of computerised directory assistance, introduction of 128. lines Store and Forward Message Switching system, introduction of experimental packet Switching Data Network (PSDN) connecting Delhi, Bombay and Madras some of the other achievements.

(c)		(Expenditure in Rupees in crores)
Sixth Plan	—	17.81
Seventh Plan	—	19.42
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	Total	37.23 crores
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