

tems, etc. are also under implementation both in the Central and State Sectors.

[English]

Setting up of Office of D.E.T. in Barmer District of Rajasthan

4798. SHRI VIRDHI CHANDER JAIN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a decision to set up an office of the Divisional Engineer Telephone in Barmer district of Rajasthan was taken long ago but the setting up of this office is still pending; and

(b) if so, the time by which the office of the Engineer Telephone will be set up in Barmer and the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. A decision for locating the office of Telecom. District Engineer (formerly known as DET) at Barmer has been taken. This office will be located at Barmer by shifting the existing office at Jodhpur.

The Office of the Telecom. District Engineer for Barmer and Jaisalmer Secondary Switching Areas will be shifted from Jodhpur to Barmer as soon as the necessary infrastructure for smooth functioning of the office including suitable office accommodation at Barmer is finalised.

[Translation]

Setting up of Office of Superintendent of Post Offices in Jaisalmer

4799. SHRI VIRDHI CHANDER JAIN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of district headquarters where there is no office of Superintendent of Post Offices i.e. Division Office in Rajasthan;

(b) whether there is no office of Superintendent of Post Offices in Jaisalmer district; and

(c) if so, the time by which the office of the Superintendent of Post Offices will be set up in Jaisalmer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) There are five (5) such district headquarters in Rajasthan where there is no office of the Superintendent of Post Offices.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) A separate Postal Division is not justified for the Jaisalmer district according to existing departmental norms.

[English]

Waiting List for Telephone Connections in Rajasthan and Gujarat

4800. SHRI VIRDHI CHANDER JAIN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number and capacity of telephone exchanges in Rajasthan and Gujarat, exchange-wise and district-wise;

(b) the total number of telephone connections sanctioned from January 1985 to October, 1987;

(c) the number of persons on the waiting list, district-wise and town-wise;

(d) the number of electronic exchange set up till 31 October, 1987; and