

[*Translation*]**Conversion of Branch Post Office Into Sub-Post Offices in Bihar.**

5815. SHRI RAM BHAGAT PASWAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of branch post offices in Bihar which are proposed to be converted into sub-post offices during the current and the ensuing financial years;

(b) what will be the total number of sub-post offices thereafter;

(c) the number of such sub-post offices out of them for which buildings have been constructed; and

(d) the number of buildings proposed to be built therefore during the next five years?

THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) For the current year there are no proposals for conversion of branch post offices into departmental sub-Offices. The number of such conversions proposed for 1988-89 is 15.

(b) If all proposals are finally sanctioned, the number of sub post offices will reach the figure of 1366.

(c) Departmental buildings have been constructed for 174 sub-post offices

(d) 24.

[*English*]**Waiting List for Telephone Connections in Gangtok**

5816. SHRIMATI D.K. BHANDARI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the reply given on 3.3.87

to Unstarred Question No. 957 regarding waiting list for telephone connections in Gangtok city and state:

(a) the number of persons registered for release of new telephone connections in each category in Gangtok as on 31 March 1988;

(b) the number of telephone connections in each category released in Gangtok during 1987;

(c) the number of persons proposed to be cleared from waiting list during 1988, category wise;

(d) what progress made for installation of Telex Exchange at Gangtok as on 31.3.1988; and

(e) The number of persons registered for Telex connection in Sikkim as on 31.3.1988?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) The number of persons registered in waiting list category wise in Gangtok telephone exchange as on 24.3.1988 are:-

1.	O.Y.T.	28
2.	Special	1
3.	General	129
	Total	<u>158</u>

(b) The category wise number of new telephone connections released in Gangtok during 1987 are:

1.	O.Y.T.	65
2.	Special	20
3.	General	43
	Total	<u>128</u>