

**Grant of Telephone Connections in  
Purnea District, Bihar**

3108. SHRI HALIMUDDIN AHMED: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of places and number of proposals to provide telephone connections to block headquarters and Sub-Post Offices in the District of Purnea in Bihar pending at present;

(b) how many of them are pending in Sub-divisional offices; and

(c) how many of them will be executed in the current financial year by the Director, Telephones, Bihar District?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI NARHARI PRASAD SUKHDEO SAI): (a) It is proposed to provide telephone facility at three block headquarters and one Sub-Post Office in Purnea District. The names are given below:—

(i) *Block headquarters*

Baisa  
Baisi Bhargama  
Kochadhama

(ii) *Sub Post Offices*  
Sarsi

(b) All the above proposals are pending execution by the sub-Division.

(c) The above places are not in the programme for the current financial year. They are programmed for execution in the next financial year.

**Financial Assistance to Co-operative  
Hospitals in Maharashtra**

3104. SHRI R. K. MHALGI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Co-operative Hospitals in Maharashtra State to whom the Financial Assistance made

was available during the last three years;

(b) whether there are any applications pending with Government requesting for financial assistance to Co-operative Hospitals in Maharashtra State;

(c) if so, how many and from whom and since when; and

(d) the reasons for their non-disposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV): (a) Nil.

(b) No. However, one application from Shushrushta Citizens' Co-operative Hospital Ltd., Bombay was received. The institution was advised to apply through the State Government after satisfying the conditions governing the grant.

(c) Not applicable.

(d) Not applicable.

उत्तर बिहार के सर्वाधिक पिछड़े जिले जिन्हें डाक सुविधाओं की व्यवस्था के लिये प्राथमिकता दी गई है

J105. श्री सुरेन्द्र झा सुमन : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) उत्तर बिहार के ऐसे सर्वाधिक पिछड़े जिलों के नाम क्या हैं जिनमें उनके मंत्रालय द्वारा डाक तथा दूर संचार संबंधी सुविधाये देने के कार्य को प्राथमिकता दी गई है; और

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो उनके क्या कारण हैं ?

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