

the rural areas include organisation of vocational training programmes in selected fields in which opportunities for self-employment are locally available, organisation of cultural and recreational programmes, games and sports including identification of talent, organisation of youth leadership training programmes, and social service programmes with a view to developing a sense of participation in national development activities. The Nehru Yuvak Kendras, where services of National Service Volunteers have been provided, have also established adult education centres which, besides enabling the non-student youth in acquiring literacy and numeracy skills for self-reliant learning, have also enabled them to avail of opportunities for upgradation of their functional capabilities and to acquire social awareness.

#### Statement

S.No.	Name of the State/ Union Territory	Number of Nehru Yuvak Kendras function- ing.
1.	Andhra Pradesh . . . .	14
2.	Assam . . . . .	8
3.	Bihar . . . . .	13
4.	Gujarat . . . . .	6
5.	Haryana . . . . .	4
6.	Himachal Pradesh . . . .	8
7.	Jammu & Kashmir . . . .	1
8.	Karnataka . . . . .	11
9.	Kerala . . . . .	8
10.	Madhya Pradesh . . . . .	15
11.	Maharashtra . . . . .	3
12.	Manipur . . . . .	2
13.	Maghalaya . . . . .	2
14.	Nagaland . . . . .	2
15.	Orissa . . . . .	10

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16.	Punjab . . . . .	9
17.	Rajasthan . . . . .	16
18.	Sikkim . . . . .	1
19.	Tamilnadu . . . . .	10
20.	Tripura . . . . .	2
21.	Uttar Pradesh . . . . .	23
22.	West Bengal . . . . .	8
23.	Arunachal Pradesh . . . .	2
24.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	1
25.	Chandigarh . . . . .	1
26.	Delhi . . . . .	2
27.	Goa, Daman & Diu . . . .	2
28.	Lakshadweep . . . . .	1
29.	Mizoram . . . . .	1
30.	Pondichery . . . . .	1
TOTAL . . . . .		192

#### Andaman Forest Development Corporation

1650 SHRI S. A. DORAI SEBASTIAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the object and function of Andaman Forest Development Corporation;

(b) the mode of disposing of woods including raw material woods such as Ply logs and metal logs;

(c) whether Ply log is a raw material for small scale industry; and

(d) if so, the mode of supplying raw material for such industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) to (d). The information is being

collected and the same will be laid on the Table of the Sabha in due course.

**S.T.D. Between Districts Towns and the Capital in U.P.**

1651. SHRI ZAINUL BASHER: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal to connect all the districts of Uttar Pradesh with the State Capital by S.T.D. under the consideration of Government;

(b) if so, when is it expected to be completed; and

(c) the detail of work undertaken so far?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI C. M. STEPHEN):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The connection of all the 56 District Headquarters in Uttar Pradesh by STD to the State Capital is planned to be completed progressively in the coming years. It is difficult to spell out a precise date at this stage.

(c) Till now, the following District Headquarters have been provided STD connection to Lucknow, Agra, Allahabad, Faizabad, Gaziabad, Kanpur, Rae Bareilly, Unnao and Varanasi.

In order to connect the other Stations to Lucknow, Trunk Automatic Exchanges at the following places have been planned:

Kanpur T.A.X.—Being expanded.

Bareilly T.A.X.—Being commissioned immediately.

Lucknow T.A.X.—To be commissioned by 84-85.

Agra T.A.X.—To be commissioned by 84-85.

Allahabad T.A.X.—To be commissioned by 84-85.

Varanasi T.A.X.—To be commissioned by 84-85.

A number of interstice, U.H.C., Coaxial and Microwave systems have also been planned to connect the various District Headquarters to the Trunk Automatic Exchange mentioned above for providing STD service to Lucknow.

At present 16 District headquarter towns are having manual telephone exchanges and 2 are having very small auto exchanges. These have to be replaced by auto exchanges of suitable size and type before subscriber trunk dialling could be introduced at these places. Auto Exchange equipment required for these places has also been planned.

**Application from Hindi Siksha Samiti, Orissa**

1652. SHRI LAKSHMAN MALICK: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any requests for the sanction of annual grants for running the establishment and working out its teaching schemes have been received by the Central Government from the Hindi Siksha Samiti, Orissa; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in the matter and by when the payment of the annual grants are likely to be made?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND):

(a) and (b). Under the Scheme for Financial Assistance to Voluntary Organisations for propagation of Hindi in non-Hindi speaking States the request for Grant-in-aid during 1979-80 was received from Secretary, Hindi Siksha Samiti, Cuttack, Orissa, The Samiti was sanctioned grant of Rs. 8025 for running Hindi library, organising seminars and meeting other contingent expenditure on the basis of the recommendations of the Grants