

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether House-tax is also being demanded from the residents of Yamuna Vihar Colony without providing basic civic amenities; and

(d) when D.D.A. proposes to provide such amenities in the Yamuna Vihar Colony?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) and (b). The position of the amenities already provided is as follows:—

(i) *Water Supply*: Water supply lines have already been laid in pockets C-1 to 4 and water is being supplied through four tubewells. Works for other pockets have been awarded and are in progress.

(ii) *Sewerage*: Sewerage lines in 6 out of 12 pockets in Block 'C' have been laid. The works for the other pockets have been awarded and are in progress.

(iii) *Electricity*: The general electrification work in respect of pockets C-1 to 9 has already been completed and the work, which is already in progress in the remaining three pockets, is expected to be completed soon. The electrification of pockets 1 to 2 of Block 'B' has also been completed and the work in the remaining two pockets is in progress.

(c) Property tax is leviable on all lands and building within the jurisdiction of M.C.D. in pursuance of Section 113(1)(a) of the Delhi Municipal Corporation Act, 1957 (66 of 1957) other than those lands and buildings which are specifically exempted from levy of either all taxes or general tax only. The levy and collection of property taxes has no 'quid pro quo' with the provisions of civic amenities or services provided in and locality.

(d) (i) *Water Supply*: Water is ultimately to be supplied from the proposed 100 MGD Treatment Plant in Northern Shahdara which will take some time for its construction and

commission. Interim arrangements have already been made, as mentioned above.

(ii) *Sewerage*: The work of laying deep sewer is intricate and time consuming and if it proceeds as per planning, shall be completed by the end of 1980.

(iii) *Electricity*: Block 'B'—Of the proposed two electric sub-stations, one is nearing completion and about 40 per cent work of L.V. mains has been completed and the remaining work is in progress. The building of the other sub-station is ready.

Block 'C'—Of the 5 electric sub-stations, 3 have already been energised and most of the area is electrified. Electric service connections are being given to the residents of Pockets C-1 to C-9, with the street-lighting completely energised. The work on the other sub-stations is in progress.

Opening of more Post Offices in Purulia and Bankura District of West Bengal

5850. ACHARYA BASUDEB: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there are no adequate post offices, Sub-post offices and Branch Post Offices in Purulia and Bankura districts of West Bengal to cope with the overloading burden in respect of delivery of money orders in proper time;

(b) whether owing to shortage of post offices and paucity of funds in Sub and Branch Post Offices in the above mentioned districts delivery of money orders of about eleven thousand teachers of Primary Schools situated in different villages of the districts whose salaries are disbursed through post offices are being delayed every month; and

(c) if so, what arrangements have been or are being made to increase the number of post offices and quantum of fund in sub and branch offices for quick delivery of the money orders to the payees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN
THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICA-
TIONS (SHRI KARTIK ORAON):
(a) to (c). Information regarding

post offices and delivery arrangements
in the two districts is furnished
below:—

	Purulia	Bankura
Total No. of post offices	390	441
Average area served by one post office	16.05 sq. km.	15.60 sq. km.
Average population served by one post office	4109	4605
Total number of delivery post offices	385	422
Average No. of money orders delivered every month	23,600	24,385

The average area served by one post office in the two districts compare favourably with the average area of 23.9 sq. km. served by one post office for the whole country. The average population served by one post office in the two districts is, however, higher than the average population of 4001 served by one post office in the country as a whole. But since almost all post offices in the two districts are delivery post offices the delivery arrangements are considered satisfactory. Further, with a view to ensure quicker delivery of money orders without any paucity of funds the limit of cash on foot, Mail Motor and Railway lines has been increased for both Purulia and Bankura Districts.

The number of post offices opened during last two years is 91 in Purulia District and 58 in Bankura District.

अधोपूर्ण केबलों के कारण बराब टेलीफोनों के बारे में जांच

5851. श्री निहाल सिंह : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या एक जुलाई 1980 के नवभारत टाइम्स में प्रकाशित यह समाचार सही है कि घटिया किस्म की केबलों के कारण इस समय दिल्ली में 15-20 प्रतिशत टेलीफोन बराब पड़े हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां तो क्या सरकार ने इस मामले में कोई जांच कराई है और यदि हां तो उसके क्या परिणाम निकले ; और

(ग) गत तीन वर्षों में टेलीफोन विभाग ने भूमि के भीतर तथा बाहर उपयोग के लिये केबल किन कम्पनियों से खरीदे तथा उनमें से प्रत्येक कम्पनी से कितने-कितने मूल्य के केबल खरीदे ?

संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री कार्तिक उरांव) : (क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता ।

(ग) विस्तृत ब्यारों संलग्न विवरण में दिए गए हैं ।