

is no pending proposal for re-opening any Branch or Sub post office in Madhubani Postal Division. The Honorable Member was informed in reply to the Unstarred Question No. 2787 on 8th December 1980 that during 1981-85, it is proposed to open 25 Branch post offices and 25 sub post offices. The location of these offices will be decided over the period depending on the emerging need of the places.

(b) and (c). Opening of a branch post office at Khajuri under Madhubani block has been found justified and sanction for opening is being issued by the Postmaster General, Bihar. No proposal has so far been received for opening a Post Office at Manoharpur under Uma-gaon Block. Proposals for upgrading Bisfe and Baraha post offices to the level of sub post offices were examined and not found justified according to departmental norms.

(b) *List of Sub Post Offices under Madhubani Postal Division.*

Lower Selection Grade Sub post offices	12
Departmental Sub Post Offices	25
Extra Departmental Sub-Post Offices	34
Total	71

Setting up of Sugar Factory at Brahmavar in South Kanara

821. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether foundation for setting up of a sugar factory at Brahmavar in South Kanara has been laid recently;

(b) whether Government have fixed any target date for the factory to go into production; and

(c) if so when the factory will be completed and go into production and what will be its installed capacity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND

RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The validity of the industrial licence issued for setting up this sugar factory, as extended from time to time, is upto 6.11.1980. A request has been received from the undertaking for extending the validity of the licence upto 6.11.1981.

According to the information furnished by the Karnataka State Government, the factory is likely to be completed on or before 31.12.1982 and would go into trial production during 1982-83 sugar season. The installed daily cane crushing capacity of the factory will be 1250 tonnes.

Increase in security deposit/Quarterly Rent of Telephones

822. SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently increased the security deposit/quarterly rental in respect of telephone connections;

(b) if so, the facts with details;

(c) the reasons to increase the security deposit/rental etc. with retrospective effect and why no public notification was issued in this regard; and

(d) what steps are proposed to remove grievances of the telephone connection holders in this respect and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KARTIK ORAON): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). In view of (a) above, this does not arise.

Approval of Badanalla Medium Irrigation project

823. SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state: