

(vi) Worn-out components in telephone exchanges are continuously being replaced and selector switches of automatic exchanges are being regularly overhauled.

**Shortage of Essential Material in Mandvi Exchange, Bombay**

2383. SHRI G. M. BANATWALLA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Mandvi Exchange in Bombay is in serious shortage of essential materials like cables etc.

(b) if so, the items in acute shortage, the extent of shortage and the period since when the shortage has been persisting; and

(c) the steps taken to remove these shortage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KARTIK ORAON): (a) to (c). There is some shortage of maintenance spares due to inadequate supply. There is no serious shortage of cables in Mandvi Exchange. Additional supplies are being arranged to remove the shortage.

**Names of Films Exported During 1977—1980**

2384. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of feature films exported from India during the year 1977—1980;

(b) the total amount of foreign exchange earned from such export; and

(c) the total amount of foreign exchange spent for import of raw films during the period?

THE MINISTER FOR INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Loss by active fires in Jharia Coalfields**

2385. SHRI REJESH KUMAR SINGH:

SHRI K. K. TEWARY:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Jharia Coalfields have suffered huge loss of coking coal because of a number of active fires in the coalfields;

(b) if so, the extent of loss suffered both in terms of quantity and the value of coking coal so far because of the active fires in the coalfields; and

(c) the measures taken so far by Government to combat these fires to minimise the losses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) and (b). The fires in Jharia Coalfields which started before nationalisation of coal mines have resulted in loss of about 30 million tonnes of coking coal valued at about Rs. 384.00 crores at the rate of average price of coal Rs. 128.00 per tonne.

(c) The following measures are being taken to combat the fires in coal mines to minimise the losses:—

- (i) Trench cutting
- (ii) Surface sealing by blanketing with overburden and matti
- (iii) Fly ash flushing
- (iv) Cooling and digging out fires
- (v) Sand flushing
- (vi) Surface sealing by water pools
- (vii) Injection of inert gases.
- (viii) Drowning the fire area.

Bharat Coking Coal Ltd. has already launched 4 projects at Lodna, Jogta, Rajapur and Bararee for dealing with the fire. Project Reports have also been prepared for dealing with the fire at Industry, Kusunda, Sudamdih, Patherdih, Phulariteng and south Tisra

Collieries of B.C.C.L. in a Phased manner.

Tata Iron & Steel Company Ltd. has also taken steps to put out the fires at its Jamadoba and Sijua Collieries.

It is reported that some of fires have already been brought under control.

#### Post and telegraph service in rural areas of Gujarat

2386. SHRI R. P. GAEKWAD: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the urgent need of providing post and telegraph services in rural areas, particularly in the Adivasi areas;

(b) if so, number of post and telegraph offices proposed to be started during 1981-82 in the rural areas of Gujarat, District-wise;

(c) number of post and telegraph offices proposed to be started during 1981-82 in the Adivasi areas of Gujarat, District-wise; and

(d) number of villages in Gujarat that will remain without post and telegraph offices at the end of March, 1982?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KARTIK ORAON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Number of Post Offices and Telegraph Offices proposed to be opened during 1981-82 in the rural areas of Gujarat Districtwise is given in Statement I & II respectively.

(c) Number of Post Offices and Telegraph Offices proposed to be opened during 1981-82 in Adivasi areas of Gujarat District-wise is given in Statement I & II respectively.

(d) 10527 villages in Gujarat will remain without a Post Office and 17581 villages will remain without a Telegraph Office at the end of March '82

#### Statement—I

*Number of Post Offices proposed to be started during 1981-82 in rural areas of Gujarat District-wise*

Name of District	No. of Post Offices
1 Amreli . . . . .	2
2 Bhavnagar . . . . .	1
3 Bharuch . . . . .	1
4 Gandhinagar . . . . .	2
5 Jamnagar . . . . .	1
6 Junagadh . . . . .	4
7 Kheda . . . . .	1
8 Mehsana . . . . .	1
9 Rajkot . . . . .	3
10 Surendranagar . . . . .	1
11 Vadodara . . . . .	1
12 Valsad . . . . .	2
TOTAL . . . . .	20

#### Statement—II

*Number of Telegraph Offices proposed to be Provided during 1981-82 in the Rural areas of Gujarat, District-wise*

Name of District	No of Telegraph Offices
1 Danga . . . . .	9
2 Surat . . . . .	9
3 Bulsar . . . . .	15
4 Bharuch . . . . .	15
5 Baroda . . . . .	6
6 Panchmahar . . . . .	25