

Functioning of Electronic Telephone Exchanges

2557. SHRI MATI LAL HASDA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the places/cities where electronic exchanges have started functioning and from when State-wise details thereof; and

(b) names of those places where electronic exchanges are to start functioning and from when; State-wise details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS : (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) and (b).

State	Names of places/cities	Date from which working
(i) U. P.	Kosi Kalan	15-8-79
(ii) Small Automatic Exchange (under field trial)		
U. P.	Bhagwan	Nov. 79
Haryana	Kachhwa	Aug. 80
do	Lakan	Sept. 80
	Majra	
do	Bapora	Nov. 80
do	Chang	Nov. 80

(i) Electronic Containerised exchanges (of the type working at Kosi Kalan)

State	Name of place	Expected year of commissioning
U.P.	Nainital	During 82-83
U.P.	Almora	do
U.P.	Ujhani	do

(ii) Stored programme control Electronic Local Exchanges

Maha-rashtra	Bombay	84-85
West Bengal	Calcutta	84-85
Delhi	Delhi	84-85
T. Nadu	Madras	84-85

(iii) Electronic Trunk Automatic Exchange

State/U.T.	Place/City	Expected year of commissioning
Maha-rashtra	Bombay	1983-84
West Bengal	Calcutta	do
Delhi	Delhi	do
Tamil Nadu	Madras	do

(iv) Electronic Telex Exchanges

Maha-tashtra	Bombay	1982-83
West Bengal	Calcutta	1983-84
Delhi	Delhi	1982-83
Tamil Nadu	Madras	1983-84

(v) Detailed plans for further Electronic Exchanges are yet to be finalised.

Kuwait Company's Investment In Thal Vaishet Fertilizer Plant

2558. SHRI B.V. DESAI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Kuwait International Investment Company advanced Rs. 46 crores during the last week of December, 1981 to India for investment in Thal Vaishet project in Maharashtra ;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that they have promised to remit 46 crores more during 1982 for the same ; and

(c) if so, how much of the amount so far received from the KIIC has been invested in Thal Vaishet and how much will be invested out of the funds received so far in 1982 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) and (b). As one of the sources of foreign exchange for the Thal Project, M/s. Rashtriya Chemicals & Fertilizers Ltd. floated bonds (loan) through M/s. Kuwait International Investment Company, Kuwait Foreign Trading Contracting and Investment Company and Kuwait Investment Company in the Kuwait market for an amount of Kuwaiti Dinars 30 million (approximately Rs. 95 crores). The value of the bonds has been realised in two instalments—first instalment of Rs. 47.57 crores on 21-12-1981 and the second instalment of Rs. 47.59 crores on 21-1-1982.

(c) Investment in the Thal Fertilizer Project is being made in a phased manner. The foreign exchange available from the Kuwait bonds issue will be used as and when it becomes necessary.

Shifting of Office of Registrar of News Papers of India

2559. SHRI PIUS TIRKEY : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) is it true that the office of Registrar of News Papers of India has been shifted to a very inconvenient place;

(b) whether the office does not have a telephone and other facilities; to have even a glass of water, and

(c) is it true that the visiting journalists and others find it difficult to have even a glass of water ; and

(d) whether Government propose to take immediately steps to provide all the facilities ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) The new location of the Office of the Registrar of

Newspapers for India is not very convenient to the publishers, members of the public, etc. who have to call on the office.

(b) and (c). No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

बिहार के लिए डाक-तार सलाहकार समिति का गठन

2560. श्री रामावतार शास्त्री : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने बिहार सर्किल के लिए अभी तक डाक-तार सलाहकार समिति का गठन नहीं किया है ;

(ख) क्या सरकार ने पटना टेलीफोन जिले के लिए भी टेलीफोन सलाहकार समिति का गठन नहीं किया है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो इनके गठन में होने वाले असाधारण विलम्ब के क्या कारण हैं ; और

(घ) समितियों के गठन का कार्य कब तक पूरा हो जाने की सम्भावना है ?

संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री योगेन्द्र मकवाना) : (क) बिहार सर्किल की डाक सलाहकार समिति का गठन 1-1-1982 को किया गया था, बिहार राज्य हेतु दूरसंचार सलाहकार समिति का अभी गठन किया जाना है ।

(ख) पटना टेलीफोन जिले की टेलीफोन सलाहकार समिति का पुनर्गठन नहीं किया गया है ।

(ग) नामांकन विलम्ब से प्राप्त हुए थे तथा उनकी समीक्षा की जा रही थी ।