

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) It is proposed to set up 2,000 new telephone exchanges in the country during the balance period of 6th Plan. Circle-wise location of new exchanges for 1982-83 is given in the attached statement. For the remaining period, locations are yet to be decided.

(b) About 32,000 new connections are likely to be given from the 2,000 new exchanges referred to at (a).

(c) No separate funds are allocated for these exchanges which are small in size. They form a part of Rs. 602 crores provided in the 6th Plan for semi-urban and rural local telephone systems.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of Telecom. Circle	No. of new Exchanges likely to be opened during 1982-83	Remarks
1.	Andhra Pradesh	30	
2.	Bihar	4	
3.	Gujarat	35	
4.	Jammu & Kashmir	10	
5.	Karnatka	35	
6.	Kerala	20	
7.	Madhya Pradesh	20	
8.	Maharashtra	35	
9.	North East	5	North East Telecom. Circle serves Assam & other North Eastern States.
10.	North West	35	North West Circle serves Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and Punjab.
11.	Orissa	10	
12.	Rajasthan	30	
13.	Tamilnadu	32	
14.	Uttar Pradesh	32	

15. West Bengal

12 West Bengal Telecom. Circle serves West Bengal and Sikkim.

Allocation for Construction/Reconstruction of Post Office Buildings in 1982-83

2666. PROF. NARAINCHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the amount allotted for the construction/reconstruction/extension of post office buildings in the country, Circle-wise (States-wise in case of Multi-State Circles) during the Sixth Five Year Plan;

(b) how many of the buildings among those under construction relate to Head Post Offices, Delivery Post Offices and Divisional Offices.

(c) the total amount spent so far out of this allocation Circle-wise alongwith the names of the places where buildings for the Administrative Offices have been constructed; and

(d) the amount likely to be spent out of the total Sixth Five Year Plan allocations during the financial year 1982-83?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) The Planning Commission has approved an outlay of Rs. 47.30 crores for construction/reconstruction/extension of post office buildings in the country during the 6th Five Year Plan (1980-85). Circle-wise allocation of the approved outlay is not done. Allocation of funds to Circles is done every year keeping in view the demand projected by the circles and the funds actually allocated by the Planning Commission for the particular year. In addition Rs. 15.00 crores have been approved by Planning Commis-

sion for construction of Administrative Office buildings and Rs. 6.10 crores for construction of Railway Mail Service buildings.

(b) and (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) An amount of Rupees 15 crores is likely to be spent during the financial year 1982-83.

Opening of Branch Post Offices in Rural Areas in N. W. Circle

2667. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) what are the Division-wise targets prescribed for the opening of Branch Post Offices in Rural Areas in the Annual Plan 1981-82 for N.W. Postal Circle;

(b) how far the targets have been achieved and what is the shortfall in each one of the Divisions of this Circle, alongwith the names of the places in which Branch Post Offices, have been opened since the beginning of the Sixth Five Year Plan, District-wise;

(c) whether targets for the Annual Plan 1982-83 have already been fixed in this regard for this Circle; and

(d) if so, the break-up of the targets for each Division of the N.W. Circle?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS : (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b). Targets for opening Branch Post Offices in rural areas under the Annual Plan 1981-82 were not assigned, division-wise, in N.W. Circle. A target for opening 65 Branch Post Offices

during the year was fixed for NW Circle as a whole. The same has also been achieved and division-wise achievements are shown in Statement-A.

Names of places in N.W. Circle where banch post offices have been opened since the beginning of the Sixth Five Year Plan are given, district-wise, in Statement-B.

(c) and (d). Circle-wise targets for the Annual Plan 1982-83 will be fixed shortly.

Statement-A

Number of Post Offices opened in North Western Division-wise, during the Year 1981-82

Name of postal Division	Number of post offices opened
1. Ambala	5
2. Rohtak	1
3. Hissar	7
4. Sonapat	2
5. Gurgaon	2
6. Ferozepore	5
7. Hoshiarpur	1
8. Gurdaspur	1
9. Chandigarh	1
10. Mandi	1
11. Hamirpur	7
12. Dharamsala	3
13. Dehra	2
14. Simla	12
15. Chamba	5
16. Solan	10
Total	65