

## TELECOMMUNICATIONS:

Districts	Long Distance Public Telephone/ Telegraph Offices	Telephone Exchange <sup>s</sup>
Balasore . . . . .	7	2
Cuttack . . . . .	4	3
Dhenkanal . . . . .	3	2
Ganjam . . . . .	3	4
Kalahandi . . . . .	1	2
Keonjhar . . . . .	3	3
Koraput . . . . .	6	3
Mayurbhanj . . . . .	4	2
Puri . . . . .	Nil	3
Sambal pur . . . . .	2	1
Sundergarh . . . . .	3	1
Bolangir . . . . .	1	Nil
Phulbani . . . . .	3	Nil

**Difficulties of Pithorgarh and Bageswar Telephone Users**

2713. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that much difficulty is being faced by the telephone users of Pithorgarh district and Bageswar in Almora District of U.P. in getting calls from Pithorgarh and Bageswar for Almora, Nainital, Pourri, Lucknow, Delhi, Barreilly and Haldwani;

(b) whether it is also a fact that even telegrams are being despatched through the mail bags as the telegraph lines are always out of order; and

(c) if so, steps Government propose to take to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS  
(SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA):  
(a) No Sir.

(b) Telegrams are normally telegraphed on lines except when there is interruption in which they are sent by unusual mail.

(c) In order to reduce posting of telegrams by mail, the Department has come to new device and installed Gentex-system in big towns. Efforts are made to dispose of traffic by way of courier whenever available. Pithoragarh is being converted into a Departmental Telegraph office.