

Opening of P. Os. in Kerala

2611. SHRI A. NEELALOHITHA-DASAN NADAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) how many new post offices had been opened in Kerala after 1980;
- (b) their location and details;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to open more post offices in Kerala; and
- (d) if so, the details and the action taken in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA):

(a) 126 New Post Offices were opened in Kerala from 1-1-1981 to 30-9-1982.

(b) Information is furnished in the Statement laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-5529/82].

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) During the current financial year 1982-83 there are 7 proposals for

the opening of Branch Post Offices and two proposals for the opening of Sub Post Offices. These are being processed and are likely to be finalised by the end of this financial year.

New Telephone Exchanges in Kerala

2612. SHRI A. NEELALOHITHA-DASAN NADAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are having any plan to start new telephone exchanges in Kerala; and

(b) if so, the names and details and the action taken in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) (a) Yes, Sir, 19 New Telephone Exchanges are planned to be opened in Kerala during 1982-83 subject to availability of necessary equipments.

(b) The details are given in the attached statement.

Statement

Statement of New Exchanges proposed to be opened in Kerala during 1982-83.

Sl. No.	Name of Exchange	Revenue Distt. in which it falls.	capacity.
1.	Peringammala	Trivendrum	25 lines
2.	Pattazhi	Quilon	50 lines
3.	Thannemukkom	Alleppay	25 lines
4.	Kuriyannoor	Alleppey	50 lines
5.	Kurichikara	Trichur	50 lines
6.	Thenkurissi	Palghat	25 lines
7.	Noolpuzha	Wynad	25 lines
8.	Kecchoor	Cannanore	50 lines
9.	Naduvil	Cannanore	25 lines

1	2	3	4
10.	Kalkandy	palghat	25 lines
11.	Chument	Cannanore	25 lines
12.	Ancheri	Idukki	25 lines
13.	Padinjarangadi	Palghat	50 lines
14.	Perumpilavu	Trichur	50 lines
15.	Anavilasa m	Idukki	50 lines
16.	Mammoodu	Kottayam	50 lines
17.*	vallikunam	Alleppey	25 lines
18.*	valayar	palghat	50 lines
19.*	Chombla	Calicut	50 lines.

*Already opened during 1982-83

Telephone exchanges in Kerala in Group Dialing System

2613. SHRI A. NEELALOHITHA-DASAN NADAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) how many telephone exchanges of Kerala are now included in the Group Dialing System, with details thereof;

(b) whether Government are having any scheme to bring more telephone exchanges of Kerala into the Group Dialing System; and

(c) if so, their names and details and the action taken in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHR YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) 273 out of a total of 496 telephone exchanges in Kerala State are having group dialing facility. 38 group dialing centres serve the neighbouring small auto exchanges.

(b) Yes, Sir. Subject to availability of group dialing equipment.

(c) Details of group dialing schemes will be worked out after availability of equipment is reasonably assured.

Price of newsprint and supply of newsprint to newspapers

2614. SHRI A. NEELALOHITHADASAN NADAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of rise in the price of newsprint in the last ten years;

(b) what is the percentage of rise in the price of the National Dailies in the last ten years; and

(c) whether Government propose to supply newsprint at subsidised rate to newspapers enabling the lower and middle class people to purchase newspapers at a lower rate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI N.K.P. SALVE): (a) Between April 1972 and