

have sought financial assistance from the Central Government with a view to solve the problem of unemployment among engineers in the State ; and

(b) if so, the amount given by the Central Government to the State Government ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Central Government sanctioned special loan assistance of Rs. 20 lakhs and Rs. 15.64 lakhs respectively to the Government of Gujarat during 1969-70 and 1970-71 for providing employment to engineers by stepping up survey and investigation of irrigation, power and flood control schemes.

New Post Offices in Rural Areas of West Bengal

5492. SHRI GADADHAR SAHA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any plan for the opening of new Post Offices in rural areas in the District of Birbhum, West Bengal;

(b) if so, the numbers thereof; and

(c) the places where they will be opened ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATION (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA) : (a) Yes,

(b) It is proposed to open 60 new Post Offices during the remaining period of the IVth plan.

(c) Some of the places where it is tentatively proposed to open post offices are :-

1971-72	1972-73	1973-74
Bataspur	Ukrun	Ghattore
Laghosa	Kachrighata	Jhirul
Kaleswar	Pratappur	Mallikpur
Kogram	Belai	Gowalmal
Uchanur	Harisha	Railpur
Changuria	Majhigram	Pattadanga
Gopegram		

It may, however, be mentioned that opening of post offices depends upon the examination of each proposal in order to see that Departmental standards are fulfilled.

Upgradation of Branch Post Offices in Birbhum District (West Bengal)

5493. SHRI GADADHAR SAHA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the names of Branch Post Offices in the District of Birbhum, West Bengal which are proposed to be upgraded to Sut-Post Offices during the year 1971-72; and

(b) the number and location thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA) (a) and (b). 4 Extra Departmental Branch Offices are proposed to be upgraded to Departmental Sub Offices during the year 1971-72 as detailed below :-

1. Chatra.
2. Lohapur
3. Kurumgram
4. Chandpur.

Experimental Post Offices in Rural Areas of West Bengal

5494. SHRI GADADHAR SAHA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the names of places in rural areas of Birbhum, West Bengal where experimental Post Offices are proposed to be opened this year; and

(b) the names of places in the District of Birbhum where there is a growing demand for such type of postal facilities ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA) : (a) It is proposed to open post offices at the following places in the rural areas of Birbhum District of West Bengal during 1971-72 :-

Bataspur
Laghosa