

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

Kaleswar
Kogram
Uchanur
Changuria
Gopegram

It may, however, be mentioned that it is proposed to open 20 Extra Departmental Branch Offices in the rural areas of Birbhum District in all during 1971-72 but the places where the other 13 offices will be opened have not yet been finalised. Opening of post offices at the 7 places mentioned above will also depend upon the result of the examination of the proposals and the departmental standards being fulfilled,

(b) 1. Radhipur 2. Mordichi 3. Janhanpur 4. Jaunbazar 5. Garia 6. Barsal 7. Jagdhari 8. Chitori 9. Rambhadrapur 10. Tiragram 11. Kamakhya 12. Debagram 13. Anaiपुर 14. Mahegram 15. Rengulia 16. Keshaiपुर 17. Semrat 18. Prasadpur 19. Kalidanga 20. Nitaiपुर 21. Patna 22. Anantapur 23. Kaniapur 24. Nasirgram 25. Ranipur 26. Bhatra 27. Banagram 28. Bhluka 29. Mohonpur 30. Kastikuri 31. Suigur 32. Soluka-Ganguri 33. Utta Kora 34. Sirsa 35. Moholia 36. Goalmal 37. Ranigram 38. Nandihat 39. Jhikada 40. Bhadulia 41. Harisha 42. Majhigram 43. Mutangram 44. Gohaliara 45. Bhabajpur 46. Patadanga 47. Railpar 43. Rampurhat 49. Bahira 50. Bhejina Goalmal 51. Ranjitpur 52. Zirul 53. Mallikpur 54 Raotara 55. Chattore 56. Palsa 57. Janubazar 58. Bhagabatipur 59. Dangapona 60. Ukun 61. Kachaigha 62. Pratapur 63. Belap.

Requests for opening of Post offices at the above places are under examination.

आर्थिक दृष्टि से पिछड़े हुये राज्य

5495. श्री बिभूति मिश्र : क्या योजना मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार की नीतियों और सरकार के कार्यक्रमों की क्रियान्विति के लिए प्रधान मंत्री पूरी तरह से उत्तरदायी है ;

(ख) क्या इन सभी योजनाओं के बावजूद कुछ राज्य आर्थिक दृष्टि से अन्य राज्यों की तुलना

में पिछड़े हुए हैं तथा बिहार अत्यन्त पिछड़ा हुआ राज्य है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या प्रधान मंत्री ने योजना मंत्री को ऐसे राज्यों के लिए जिनकी आय कम है योजनाओं के अन्तर्गत दी गई 10 प्रतिशत राशि के अतिरिक्त गैर-योजना धीर्ष से निधि नियत करने के लिए निदेश दिये हैं ?

योजना मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मोहन चारिया) : (क) जी हां ।

(ख) केन्द्रीय सांख्यिकीय संगठन द्वारा प्रस्तुत वर्ष 1962-63 से 1964-65 तक के राज्यों की आय के तुलनात्मक प्राक्कलनों के अनुसार कतिपय राज्यों की प्रति व्यक्ति आय राष्ट्रीय औसत से कम है तथा बिहार की प्रति व्यक्ति आय सबसे कम है ।

(ग) जी नहीं ।

उत्तर बिहार में असमत्वजनक टेलीफोन सेवा

5496. श्री बिभूति मिश्र : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या उत्तर बिहार, विशेषकर चम्पारन जिले में टेलीफोन सेवा की स्थिति दयनीय है ;

(ख) क्या दिल्ली, कलकत्ता और बम्बई के लिये टेलीफोन सम्बन्ध स्थापित होने के पश्चात् भी बड़ी कठिनाई से बातचीत हो सकती है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में सरकार क्या उपचारात्मक कार्यवाही कर रही है ?

संचार मंत्री (श्री हेमवती नग्वन बहुगुणा) :

(क) जी नहीं, चम्पारन जिले सहित उत्तर बिहार में टेलीफोन सेवाएं सामान्य हैं ।

(ख) टेलीफोन उपभोक्ताओं से ऐसी कोई शिकायतें नहीं मिली हैं ।

(ग) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता ।