

80% of the temporary posts which are existence for more than three years and are required on a long-term basis are ordinary converted into permanent ones. Sanction for last such conversion was issued on 10. 7. 70. The next review for 80% conversion will be taken up after the revised strength of Programme Executives on the basis of the norms laid down by the Staff Inspection Unit has been fixed.

Telephone calls booked at Kishanganj Thakur ganj and Purnea, (Bihar)

4075. SHRI MD. JAMILURRAHMAN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) number of Telephone Calls booked for various parts of the country from Kishanganj, Thakur Ganj and Purnea (Bihar) from 1st April, 1971 to 31st March, 1972 and in how many days each of the calls materialised; and

(b) if there was delay in materialising the calls, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI H.N. BAHUGUNA) : The information is tabulated as below :

Name of Exchange	Total calls booked	Effective calls. (Materialized the same day)	Ineffective calls	
			Subscriber's request	Departmental reasons
1	2	3	4	5
1. Purnea	46666	30991	5592	10083
2. Kishanganj	24529	13772	2956	7801
3. Thakurganj	4462	2154	256	2052

(b) Trunk circuits are subjected to frequent interruptions due to copper wire thefts which increases the percentage of ineffective calls. Steps are being taken to replace copper wire by copper weld wire to prevent thefts and consequent delay.

Programme Executives with A. I. R. on ad hoc Basis

4076. SHRI MD. JAMILURRAHMAN : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Programme Executives working on an *ad hoc* basis for more than three years in All India Radio;

(b) the steps Government propose to take to make them regular; and

(c) since how long recruitment has not been made in the Cadre of Programme Executives?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI NANDINI SATPATHY) : (a) 69.

(b) Recruitment Rules for the post of Programme Executive are being revised in consultation with Union Public Service Commission. The question of regular appointment of these persons as Programme Executives will be decided according to these rules they have been finalised.

(c) Since 1964.

Association of U. P. S. C. with appointment of staff artistes

4077. SHRI MD. JAMILURRAHMAN : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government intend associating Union Public Service Commission in the appointment of Staff Artistes drawing