

Delhi Circle alongwith the expenditure incurred is given below :

Year	No. of Post Offices	Expenditure incurred (Rs.)
1994-95	15	46,03,975
1995-96	33	1,41,55,291
1996-97	1	1,03,826
	49	

(c) Selection of contractors and award of work are done on the basis of competitive tenders as per guidelines laid down in the relevant CPWD Manual.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Telecast Centres of Doordarshan, Maharashtra

1932. SHRI VIJAY ANNAJI MUDE :
SHRI KACHARU BHAU RAUT :
SHRI DATTA MEGHE :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the evaluation made regarding the expenditure likely to be incurred for accomplishing the Doordarshan of AIR projects in Maharashtra;

(b) the expenditure likely to be incurred by the time of completion, of these projects;

(c) the telecast centre of Doordarshan functioning in the State, location-wise;

(d) whether requisite staff have been provided for installation and maintenance of these centres; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) to (c). Statements in respect of All India Radio and Doordarshan are in Statement I and Statement II respectively.

(d) and (e). TV Transmitters and Studios presently functioning along with their staff position. In the State of Maharashtra are given in Statement III.

STATEMENT - I

S.No.	Name of the Project	Estimated Cost original (SFC/EFC AMOUNT) (Rs. IN LAKHS)	Likely Expenditure (Rs. IN LAKHS)
1.	LRS, Osmanabad	175.00	267.70 (Revised)
2.	5 KW FM Tr., Mumbai (2nd Stereo)	310.00	310.60
3.	Parbhani Type-I Studio	139.20	180.50 (Revised)
4.	Replacement & Upgradation of 10 KW MW Tr., to 20 KW Power at Parbhani	166.25	166.25
5.	Regional Workshop, Mumbai	114.80	177.77 (Revised)
6.	LRS, Malwan	327.40	327.40
7.	Type-III Studios Borivilli (Gulf Service), Mumbai	403.84	873.16 (Revised)
8.	Refurbishing of Studios (Phase-II), Mumbai	150.10	150.10

STATEMENT - II

Statement indicating Doordarshan projects with cost, etc. as referred to in reply to parts (a), (b) & (c) of the Lok Sabha unstarred question No. 1932 for 5.12.1996

STATE	UNDER IMPLEMENTATION	CAPITAL COST ORIGINAL	(Rs. IN LAKHS) REVISED
1	2	3	4
MAHARASHTRA	PPC		
	MUMBAI (Exp.)	2018.10	3935.99
	NAGPUR (Aug.)	263.60	
	PUNE	968.87	

1	2	3	4
LPT	SHIRPUR	100.00	
	NAVAPUR	97.00	
	MANGAON		
	KHOPOLI	97.00	
	MAHAD	97.00	
	UMARKHED	97.00	
	SATANA	97.00	
	SIRONCHA	97.00	
	CHANDUR	97.00	
	AHERI	97.00	
	CHIKOLI	97.00	
	AMBET	100.00	
VLPT	MALWAN	83.00	
	MALKAPUR	83.00	
	BHOKAR	83.00	
	BADLAPUR	To be sanctioned	

STATEMENT - III

Statement as referred to in reply to Parts (d) & (e) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1932 for 5.12.96

TV Transmitters (as on 30.11.96) and Studios functioning in the State along with status of staff.

State	Existing
1	2
MAHARASHTRA	
PPC	
Mumbai	
Nagpur	
HPT	
Ambajogai	
Aurangabad	
Mumbai	
Mumbai (DDII)	
Mumbai (DD III)	
Nagpur	
Pune	
LPT	
Achalpur	
Acot	
Ahmednagar	
Akluj	
Akola	
Amalner	
Amravati	
Arvi	

1	2
Barshi	
Bhusawal	
Bid	
Brahmapuri	
Buldana	
Chandrapur	
Chikhli	
Chiplun	
Devrukh	
Dhule	
Diglur	
Garhchiroli	
Gondia	
Hinganghat	
Hingoli	
Ichalkaranji	
Jalgaon	
Jalna	
Kankauli	
Karad	
Karanja (Akola)	
Khamgaon	
Kinwat	
Kolhapur	
Malegaon	
Manmad	
Mehekar	
Mhasle	
Morshi	

1	2
Nanded	
Nandurbar	
Nasik	
Osmanabad	
Pandharpur	
Parbhani	
Pusad	
Rajapur	
Ratnagiri	
Rissod	
Sangamner	
Sangli	
Satara	
Shahad	
Sholapur	
Umerga •	
Wani	
Wardha	
Washim	
Yavatmal	
Nagpur (DD II)	
VLPT	
Chikaldhara	
Junnar	
Karjat	
Khed	
Transposer	
Aurangabad	
Staff to be sanctioned by competent authority	
Truncated Staff sanction available.	
Staff sanction for all other stations is available.	

[English]

National Policy for Print Media

1933. SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Indian Newspaper Society had rejected the move for proposed national policy for print media;

(b) whether the society has also opposed any change in the newsprint import policy of Government;

(c) whether the Newspaper Society has expressed disappointment at the 5% service tax on advertisement imposed in 1996-97 budget;

(d) if so, the details of the other objection made by the society; and

(e) the reaction of the Government?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M.

IBRAHIM) : (a) The Indian Newspaper Society has submitted to the Ministry that no Media Policy is required, especially in the print media. This was in the context of preparation of a Working Paper on the National Media Policy by a Sub-Committee of the Consultative Committee of the Ministry under the chairmanship of Shri Ram Vilas Paswan.

(b) The Indian Newspaper Society has opposed the imposition of 10% Customs Duty on newsprint (other than glazed).

(c) and (d). The Society had represented that the service tax on advertising proposed in 1996-97 budget would have an adverse effect on economic growth and on the growth of media and further that it directly affects the freedom of commercial information.

(e) The Government has imposed service tax, inter-alia, on advertising services @ 5% w.e.f. 1.11.1996.

Modernisation of Purulia Railway Station

1934. SHRI BIR SINGH MAHATO : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to modernise Purulia Railway Station in South Eastern Railway;

(b) if so, the present status of the proposal; and

(c) the time by which the work is likely to be started and completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Improvement works such as provision of station building (Phase I) has been completed and works of provision of concourse area, paving of platforms and provision of train indicator board have also been taken up and are expected to be completed by 1997-98.

Number of Post Offices in U.P.

1935. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of post offices, postal assistants, postmen and letter boxes in Uttar Pradesh particularly in Allahabad District, during 1994 and 1996;

(b) the time when assessment for staff in group 'C' & 'D' was carried out in U.P.;

(c) whether the increase in postal services has not been commensurate with the increase in population in U.P. and

(d) if so, the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) During 1994, there were 2003 Post Offices, 11176 Postal Assistants, 4599 Postmen and 79337 letter boxes in the State of Uttar Pradesh.