

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the duration of time allotted to various programmes per week.

(d) whether the said durations conform to the laid norms of AIR; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is the practice of All India Radio that the fixed Point Chart is revised twice a year.

(c) The time allotted to various programmes per week are as follows:

	<i>Minutes per week</i>
Sports	134
Financial	40
Science	30 mts. per month
Hindustani Music	360
Karnatak Music	320
Film Music	350

(d) and (e). These timings broadly conform to the norms laid down by All India Radio.

Railway Line between Palaghat-Pollachi and Guruvayoor

1986. SHRI N.N. KRISHNADAS : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any survey has been conducted for laying new railway line from Palaghat-Pollachi to Guruvayoor under Madhura division in Southern Railway;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the present stage of the proposed Guruvayoor-Kuttipuram railway line; and

(d) the time by which the work on above line is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The work is sanctioned. Final location survey/land acquisition is in progress.

(d) Within the 9th Five Year Plan.

P&T Service in Bihar

1987. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether postal and telecom services are satisfactory in Bihar, particularly in Saran (Chapra region);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) The Bihar State is being served by 11789 Post Offices, out of which 378 Post Offices are in Saran Distt. The Postal services are satisfactory in Bihar and in Saran (Chapra) Region.

(b) All Post Offices in Bihar including those in Saran Region are functioning satisfactorily in respect of Counter functioning Mails and delivery services.

(c) and (d). Does not arise in view of (b) above.

TELECOMMUNICATION :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details given in Statement.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

(d) Steps taken by the Govt. for further improvement of services:

(i) Replacement of old and worn out equipment.

(ii) Computerisation of fault repair service.

(iii) Replacement of fault prone cables by jelly field cables.

(iv) Laying of cables in ducts.

(v) Induction of modern testing aids.

(vi) Providing reliable transmission media.

STATEMENT

S.No.	Parameter	Achievements			
		As on 31.3.96 Circle/ Saran	Aug., 96 Circle/ Saran	Sept.,96 Circle/ Saran	Oct.,96 Circle/ Saran
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Fault/100stn/month.	12.9/7.0	11.7/7.9	12.0/5.3	12.1/3.0
2.	Trk. Bff.	78.2/69.2	80.7/73.0	81.1/75.3	80.8/75.7
3.	C.C.R.				
	(i) Local	81.8/98.6	76.5/95.7	76.3/97.7	75.4/99.0
	(ii) STD	73.9/74.0	71.1/73.8	69.6/65.0	69.9/66.0