

Navigation Facilities in River Ganga

5636. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA MALLICK: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme has been formulated to make navigation facilities available in the river Ganga; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the stage at which this scheme stands at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of the schemes are given below:—

(i) For deepening the shallow portion of the navigational channel, bandalling and maintenance dredging have been taken up on year to year basis from Calcutta to Kaithy.

(ii) River training scheme in Patna-Samaria sector at an estimated cost of Rs. 99.85 lakhs will commence during current financial year.

(iii) Floating terminals have been provided and maintained at Patna, Munghyr, Bhagalpur and Karagola besides existing terminals at Haldia, Calcutta, Pakur, Farakka and Kaithy.

(iv) Scheme for providing 24 hrs. Navigational aids between Calcutta and Farakka has been approved at a cost of Rs. 4.61 crores. Tendering is in process.

(v) Scheme for construction of permanent terminal at Gaihat (Patna) has been approved at cost of Rs. 14.45 crores. The work has been awarded to CPWD.

(vi) Scheme for procurement of Water Injection Dredger has been approved and tendering is in process for award of work of construction and supply of dredger through a public sector shipyard.

MNC's Technology in Local Loop

5637. SHRI A. GANESHAMURTHI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan to include MNC's technologies in the forthcoming tender for providing Wireless in Local Loop (WILL) by the DOT;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE Minister of STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA):

(a) Tender has been invited from Indian Companies registered to manufacture the WLL eqpt. in 800 MHZ spectrum. However, there is no bar for them for getting foreign technology in the manufacture of the eqpt. To be supplied for this tender.

(b) Tender for 56 K lines for 16 cities has been floated.

(c) Not applicable in view of above.

[*Translation*]

Waiting List of Telephone Connections in U.P.

5638. SHRI HARIKEWAL PRASAD:
SHRI DAROGA PRASAD SAROJ:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons on the waiting list for telephone connections in Uttar Pradesh as on June 30, 1998, district-wise; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to clear the waiting list in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA):

(a) As on 30.6.98 the number of persons on the waiting list for telephone connections, district-wise is given in the Statements I and II.

(b) It is proposed to provide 2.72 lakhs new telephone connections during 1998-99 to clear the waiting list in the State.

Statement-I*Waiting list in U.P. (East) Circle as on 30.6.98*

Sl. No.	Name of Distt.	Waiting List
1	2	3
1.	Allahabad	953
2.	Kaushambi	2092
3.	Kanpur (C)	5824
4.	Kanpur (R)	441
5.	Lucknow	9654
6.	Varanasi	5696
7.	Faizabad	921
8.	Ambedkar Nagar	794
9.	Ballia	1776
10.	Ghazipur	645
11.	Jaunpur	2944
12.	Sultanpur	1371
13.	Pratapgrah	620
14.	Shahjahanpur	1774
15.	Hardoi	1217
16.	Sitapur	796
17.	Gonda	1983
18.	Balrampur	391
19.	Sant Kabir Nagar	179
20.	Lakhimpur	1490
21.	Sidarth Nagar	367
22.	Basti	1183
23.	Banda	760

1	2	3
24.	Mainpuri	1176
25.	Orai	2679
26.	Hamirpur	963
27.	Fatehpur	186
28.	Raibareli	608
29.	Unnao	850
30.	Gorakhpur	2665
31.	Maharajganj	100
32.	Behraich	938
33.	Shavasty	170
34.	Deoria	732
35.	Mau	595
36.	Padrauna	1011
37.	Jhansi	785
38.	Lalitpur	215
39.	Farrukhabad	631
40.	Kannauj	243
41.	Mirzapur	354
42.	Sonbhadra	477
43.	Etawah	1189
44.	Orala	859
45.	Azamgarh	2277
46.	Bhadoi	815
47.	Mahoba	859
48.	Sikohabad	818
49.	Chandauli	116
50.	Barabanku	1299
Total		67,481

Statement-II*Waiting List in U.P. (West) as on 30.6.98.*

Sl.No.	Name of Distt.	District-wise W/L as on 30.6.1998
1	2	3
1.	Agra	5714
2.	Firozabad	1924
3.	Aligarh	4145
4.	Mahamayanagar	511
5.	Almora	295
6.	Pithoragarh	676
7.	Champawat	Nil
8.	Bageshwar	Nil
9.	Badaun	1021
10.	Bareilly	5242
11.	Bijnore	3614
12.	Dehradun	6682
13.	Etah	1510
14.	Ghaziabad	13798
15.	Bulandshahar	3567

1	2	3
16.	Gautambudh Nagar	2266
17.	Mathura	2818
18.	Meerut	3071
19.	Baghpat	898
20.	Moradabad	6198
21.	Jyotibaphulenagar	883
22.	Nainital	3026
23.	Udhamsingh Nagar	1915
24.	Muzzaffar Nagar	3399
25.	Rampur	1132
26.	Pilibhit	619
27.	Saharanpur	7678
28.	Hardwar	4126
29.	Pauri	926
30.	Rudraprayag	67
31.	Chamoli	139
32.	Tehri	347
33.	Uttarkashi	192
Total		88,390