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| Kolapur Telecom District<br>(Gargoti and Bridargarh<br>regions are part of this<br>telecom District) | 20553 | 14015 | 12721 |

[Translation]

#### Internet Facility

1647. SHRI HARIKEWAL PRASAD:

KUMARI KIM GANGTE:

Will the MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- the names of the cities connected with 'Internet';
- whether there is any proposal to connect Deoria and Ballia districts in U.P. and Manipur and other North Eastern States with internet;
- If so, the details thereof; and
- If not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA):  
(a) The cities where Internet Nodes are working are as per Statement. However the Internet access to the nearest Internet Nodes is being made available on local call rates progressively with effect from 15th August, 1998.

- Yes, Sir.
- Deoria and Ballia have Internet access on local call basis from Allahabad.

Procurement of Internet Nodes for Manipur and other NE State capitals and District Head Quarters are being connected to the nearest Internet node on local call basis.

- In view of (c) above, question does not arise.

#### Statement

##### *List of Cities Having Internet Nodes*

Ambala, Aurangabad, Agra Allahabad, Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Bhubaneswar, Bhopal, Calicut, Chandigarh, Coimbatore, Gwalior, Guwahati, Hyderabad, Hubli, Indore, Jaipur, Chennai, Calcutta, Dhanbad, Dehradun, Delhi, Ernakulam, Goa, Jamshedpur, Jammu, Jalandhar, Kanpur, Kancheepuram, Kollam, Kottayam, Lucknow, Mysore, Madurai, Mumbai, Nagpur, Nasik, Patna, Palghat, Pondicherry, Pune, Shillong, Silchar, Silliguri, Surat, Shimla, Trichy, Trivandrum, Vijayawada, Vishkapatnam.

#### Waiting List for Telephone Connections in Bihar

1648. SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH:

SHRI RAJO SINGH:

Will the MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- the number of telephone connections allotted in Bihar during the last three years, till-date;
- the number of persons on the waiting list of telephone connections in the State at present, district-wise;
- whether the department is not issuing new telephone connections in the State due to non-availability of material;
- If so, the details thereof; and
- the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to provide telephone connections to all the persons on the waiting list in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA):  
(a) The number of telephone connections provided in Bihar during the last three years, till date is given below:

| Year                      | Connections provided |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 1995-96                   | 33115                |
| 1996-97                   | 52368                |
| 1997-98                   | 66294                |
| 1998-99 (1.4.98-30.11.98) | 32510                |
|                           | 184287               |

(b) The Number of persons on the waiting list of telephone connections in Bihar, district-wise as on 30.11.98, is as per statement attached.

- No, Sir.
- Not applicable.
- Action is being taken to provide telephone connections to all the persons on the waiting list by expanding exchanges of higher capacity and opening of small and medium type exchanges and by laying more under ground cables for providing telephone connections to meet the demand.