

1	2	3
3.	Cachar	468
4.	Darang	212
5.	Dhemaj	106
6.	Dibrugarh	142
7.	Golaghat	548
8.	Golpara	85
9.	Halikhandi	113
10.	Jorhat	382
11.	Kamrup	745
12.	Karbi-Anglong(Diphu)	161
13.	Karimganj	174
14.	Kokrajhar	142
15.	Morigaon	146
16.	Nagaon	658
17.	Nalbari	182
18.	North Cachhar Hilly (Hefflong)	13
19.	North Lakhimpur	201
20.	Sibsagar	417
21.	Sonitpur (Tajpur)	417
22.	Tinsukhia	515
23.	Dhubri	249
Total		6430

#### Agricultural Rural Debt Relief Scheme

3983. SHRI P. SANKARAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the quantum of debt waived by the Government under the Agricultural Rural Debt Relief Scheme announced during the year 1989-90;

(b) the criteria laid down by the Government to bring the farmers under this scheme;

(c) whether the benefit of this scheme are likely to be given to small and marginal farmers of coffee;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF

AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL) : (a) to (e) The agricultural & Rural Debt Relief (ARDR) Scheme, 1990, formulated by the Government of India was a one time-measure for providing relief upto a limit of Rs. 10,000/- to a borrower of eligible loan as defined under the Scheme. The borrower included an individual farmer, weaver or artisan or landless cultivator who had taken loans from one or more banks for any activity of agriculture or for an artisan activity, and who was a non-wilful defaulter, as defined under the Scheme. The scheme came to an end on 31.3.1991. An amount of Rs. 7514.39 crores was provided as relief to these beneficiaries in the country, by the commercial banks, cooperatives and regional rural banks. These benefits were also provided to small and marginal farmers of coffee, who had availed loans from these banks and who had overdues as on 2nd October, 1989.

#### Upgradation of Air/DD Kendras in Andhra Pradesh

3984. SHRI VENKATARAMI ANANTHA REDDY : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have drawn up any schemes for the upgradation and modernisation of AIR stations and Doordarshan Kendras in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which these schemes are proposed to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI MUKHTAR NAQVI) : (a) to (c) Modernisation of existing facilities is a continuous process depending upon the availability of resources, infrastructural facilities and inter-se priorities. Details of schemes for upgradation and modernisation of AIR/DDn facilities in Andhra Pradesh and their completion schedule is given in the enclosed statement.

Statement		
Sr. No.	Name of project	Expected date of completion
1	2	3
ALL INDIA RADIO		
(i)	Replacement of old and obsolete 10KW 4W Transmitter at Hyderabad by modern 20KW MW Transmitter	1997-2000
(ii)	Modernisation of studio equipments by inducting digital equipments, stereo equipments, and other latest state of art equipments.	By the end of 9th Plan period.

1	2	3
<b>DOORDARSHAN</b>		
(i)	Upgradation of High Power Transmitter (HPT) at Rajamundhry from 1 KW to 10 KW.	1999
(ii)	Replacement of Low Power Transmitter by HPT at Warangal.	Within 3 years
(iii)	Digital studio camera chain in replacement of existing camera chain, 3-D computer graphic work station, bilingual character generator, non-linear editing system etc. for Hyderabad.	1998-99

#### **Completion of work on T.V. Tower in Rajasthan**

3985. SHRI GANGARAM KOLI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- whether work on T.V. Tower at Bendharak in Dhaulpur-Bayana regions of Rajasthan has been completed;
- if so, the details thereof;
- the time by which the transmission from the said tower is likely to be started; and
- the towns likely to be covered under the transmission network?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI MUKHTAR NAQVI) : (a) and (b) There is no approved scheme, at present, for the establishment of TV Transmitter at Baudharak in Rajasthan.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

#### **Farakka Barrage**

3986. DR. BIKRAM SARKAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- whether the operation of Calcutta Port (Calcutta Dock System) has been adversely affected due to decrease in the flow of water below Farakka Barrage during the lean seasons since the Indo-Bangladesh Agreement was signed;
- if so, the action taken by the Government to stop the down-hill trend of the Port Operation;
- whether the Government are contemplating to review the Agreement;

- if so, the details thereof;
- if not, the reasons therefore; and
- the action taken by the Government to remove huge silt deposited in the navigation channel of the Port?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL) : (a) No, Sir.

- Does not arise.
- No, Sir.
- Does not arise.
- The Treaty has been in operation to the satisfaction of both the parties since signing for the last two years and does not call for an early review.

(f) Dredging is carried out regularly to remove silt from the navigation channel to ensure navigability of vessels calling on the Port.

#### **Telephone Exchange in Gurgaon**

3987. SHRI U. V. KRISHNAMRAJU : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- whether Government propose to upgrade Gouri Harsru telephone exchange in Gurgaon, during 1998-99;
- if so, the details thereof;
- if not, the reasons therefor;
- whether telephone exchanges in the said district are remain out of order;
- if so, the reasons therefor; and
- the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. At Garhi Harsru we have a C-256 P electronic exchange with a capacity of 184 lines. Subject to timely supply of equipment it is expected to be replaced by a higher capacity exchange of 1000 lines during the current year 1998-99.

- Not applicable in view of the reply to part (a) and (b).
- and (e) Except for occasional break down due to erratic commercial supply the telephone exchanges work satisfactorily most of the time.
- Though the exchanges are working satisfac-