

(Rs. in Crores)

Circle	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
U.P. (E)	259.48	445.31	577.46	411.41
U.P. (W)	280.33	335.85	399.59	415.02

(b) U.P. State comprises of two telecom circles U.P. (E) and U.P. (W). Both the telecom circles have completed their target during the last three years by and large. The details are furnished below:

U.P. (W) : Direct Exchange Lines (Nos.)

Year	Target	Achievement
1995-96	75000	83070
1996-97	75000	105027
1997-98	99000	132875

U.P. (E) : Direct Exchange Lines (Nos.)

Year	Target	Achievement
1995-96	70000	68266
1996-97	80000	111885
1997-98	95000	181043

(c) The details of amount spent in the Circles during the last three years and the current financial year is given below;

Circle	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
U.P. (E)	258.03	359.29	593.94	208.54 *
U.P. (W)	281.65	314.35	424.15	80.31 *

* Expenditure incurred upto Oct., 1998.

(d) Details are being collected and will be laid on the table of the House shortly.

[English]

Silchar T.V. and Radio Station

3997. SHRI A.F. GOLAM OSMANI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the quality of Broadcasting done by the Silchar T.V. Station and Radio Station in Assam is poor;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ;

(c) whether the viewers/listners of Karimganj and Hailakandi districts are covered by the said stations; and

(d) if not, the steps Government propose to take to improve the quality of broadcasting?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI MUKHTAR NAQVI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Dakra Nala Pump Project

3998. SHRI BIJOY KUMAR 'BIJOY' : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Dakra Nala Pump Project in Munger district of Bihar has achieved its objective for which it has been constructed;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total funds incurred on the project so far;

(d) whether some parts of the project are yet to be completed; and

(e) if so, the time by which these parts are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL) : (a) to (e) Dakra Nala Pump Project in Munger District of Bihar was originally sanctioned in 1978. The scheme envisages creation of potential 21.367 th. ha. on completion. No potential has been created so far. Total expenditure incurred till March, 1998 is Rs. 54.92 crores. The main course of the river Ganga has shifted approx. 4 Km away from the present pumping site. The State Government is conducting a technical study in this regard. As per the State Government, project is to be completed in the Xth Plan period.

[English]

Water Management Programmes

3999. SHRI ABHAYSINH S. BHONSLE :

SHRI A. VENKATESH NAIK :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated any scheme to involve farmers participation in the Water Management Programme for the better utilisation of irrigation facilities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;