

- (i) One telephone exchange has already been opened.
- (ii) Equipment for seven more exchanges is available.
- (iii) Equipment for balance two exchanges has already been ordered and supplies are expected by March, 1999.
- (c) Does not arise in view of para (a) above.

Statement

List of Telephone Exchanges proposed to be set up in Kaushambi, Allahabad and Fatehpur Districts of Uttar Pradesh during 1998-99 along with status.

S.No.	Name of District	Name of Exchange	Status
1.	Kaushambi	Deviganj Kara	Equipment available
2.	Kaushambi	Paschim Sarira	Exchange opened
3.	Allahabad	Muthiganj	Equipment ordered
4.	Allahabad	Colonel Ganj	Equipment available
5.	Allahabad	Tagore Town	Equipment available
6.	Allahabad	Subedarganj	Equipment ordered
7.	Allahabad	Meerapur	Equipment available
	Allahabad	Mansurabad	Equipment available
9.	Fatehpur	Amauli	Equipment available
10.	Fatehpur	Bhitaure	Equipment available

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STD/ISD/PCOs Booths in A.P.

4076. SHRI VENKATARAMI ANANTHA REDDY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the advertisements were published some time ago for the allotment of STD/ISD/PCO booths in various towns, cities of Andhra Pradesh particularly in Anantapur District;

(b) whether these booths have not been allotted even after the expiry of more than one year;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the time by which allotments are likely to be made?

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Sir, 3962 STD PCOs have been provided in A.P. Circle from 1.4.98 to 30.11.98. In Anantapur, applications received upto 16.1.98 have been cleared and 194 STD PCOs have been provided.

(d) The balance applications in Anantapur will be considered for allotment in the next STD POC allotment committee.

Telecom Services in Rajasthan

4077. SHRI GANGA RAM KOLI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the conditions of telephones in Bayana and Bharatpur areas of Rajasthan is dilapidated;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to improve the telecom service in the State particularly in the said areas; and

(c) the name of the telephone exchanges modernised during the last three years in the said areas and also the name of exchanges proposed to be modernised in the current financial year?

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

(a) No, Sir. The telecom services in Bayana and Bharatpur areas of Rajasthan are quite satisfactory.

(b) Not applicable in view of (a) above.

(c) 28 telephone exchanges working in Bharatpur Secondary Switching Area including Bayana have been modernised/upgraded during last three years. The details are given in Statement. No exchange is pending for modernisation.

Statement

List of Telephone Exchanges which have been Upgraded during last three year in Bharatpur Secondary Switching Area.

S.No.	Exchange
1	2
1.	Kanchanpur
2.	Angai
3.	Baseri
4.	Bandsaretha
5.	Bayana
6.	Dhadren
7.	Bharatpur
8.	Dehra