

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The following New Radio Stations are being set up in the State of West Bengal : 1. Asansol :- 6 KW FM Transmitter (Relay Centre) 2. Shantiniketan :- 3 KW FM Transmitter with M.P. Studio.

Statement

All India Radio Stations presently functioning in the State of West Bengal

Sl. No.	Name of the Station	Power of the Transmitter	Approx. Area Covered Thousand Sq. Kms.	Expected Approx. Population covered (In Lakhs)
1. (i)	Calcutta "A"	100 KW MW Tr.	124.1	789.3
(ii)	Calcutta "B"	100 KW MW Tr.	80.0	595.6
(iii)	Calcutta "C"	20 KW MW Tr. (Vividh Bharati)	23.4	284.4
(iv)	Calcutta "D"	10 KW MW Tr. (Yuvvani)	17.9	270.8
(v)	Calcutta	10 KW MW Tr. Stereo Channel	1.8	110.3
(vi)	Calcutta	50 KW MW Tr.	About 800 Kms. in radius	
2.	Kurseong	20 KW MW Tr.	About 400 Kms. in radius	
3.	Siliguri	200 KW MW Tr.	35.5	175.6
4.	Murshidabad	6 KW MW Tr.	7.6	62.8

Survey for New Mainaguri-Jogigoppa Rail Line

3541. SHRI AMAR ROY PRADHAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to conduct survey for Railway line from new Mainaguri to Jogigoppa via Changrabhanga, Mathabanga, New Coochbehar, Tufanganj and Golakganj (Dhubri);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the survey work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A survey for construction of a new rail line from New Mainaguri-Mathabanga-New Coochbehar to Jogigoppa via Dhubri has been taken up.

(c) By 31.12.97.

Acquisition of Land

3542. SHRI HARADHAN ROY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the land is at the disposal of the department for setting up of Post Offices in West Bengal circle, district-wise and location-wise;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to construct Post Offices there; and

(c) the amount allocated by the Government for this purposes so far?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Intercity Express

3543. SHRI A.G.S. RAM BABU : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the long standing demand of an intercity express train between Coimbatore and Bangalore in place of Shatabdi Express; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 2677/2678 Coimbatore-Bangalore intercity Express has already been introduced with effect from 1.8.97.

[Translation]

Unauthorised Constructions

3544. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that illegal constructions are being carried out on large scale in Delhi on the land belongs to the Department of Telecommunications;

(b) if so, the number of such cases noticed and action taken thereon during the last three years; and

(c) the steps taken of proposed to be taken to prevent illegal constructions in future?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details of the illegal constructions noticed and the action taken thereon by the Northern Telecom. Region (Mtce) New Delhi and the MTNL, New Delhi, are as per Statement.

(c) Boundary walls are being constructed and barbed wire fencing is also being done on vacant lands of the Department of Telecommunications in Delhi.