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Survey for Development of Railways in Backward Areas

908. SHRI TARACHAND BHAGORA :
SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY :
SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH :
SHRI SHANTILAL PARSOTAMDAS PATEL :
SHRI SANAT MEHTA :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any survey has been conducted for the development/expansion of Railways in backward, hilly, tribal and desert areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof, Zone-wise and State-wise;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of the schemes prepared in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

[English]

Maintenance of Railway Colonies

909. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that the railway colonies at Guwahati and Maligaon are not being maintained properly and lacking basic amenities;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government for proper maintenance and to provide basic amenities in these Railway colonies;

(d) whether funds were released for this purpose during the last three years; and

(e) if so, how those funds were utilised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) The railway colonies at Guwahati and Maligaon are being maintained properly and do not lack in basic amenities.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) A Colony Care Committee consisting of Representatives of staff and officials of Railway Administration, looks after the needs of the railway colonies and works of repairs/maintenance are carried out as per decision of the Committee. In addition, colonies are inspected at various levels and deficiencies, if any, are removed.

(d) Yes Sir.

(e) The funds were utilised for execution of works of maintenance and proper upkeep of the colonies.

Unscrupulous STD Operators

910. DR. M. JAGANNATH :
SHRI K.S. RAYADU :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Unscrupulous STD booth operators loot public" appearing in the 'News Time' dated January 8, 1997;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the action taken to stop users of public telephone being cheated by unscrupulous operators?

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

(b) and (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Modernisation of Exchanges in U.P.

911. SHRI RAMSAGAR : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the answer given to USQ no. 2014 dated 5.12.96 regarding "modernisation of exchanges in U.P." and state :

(a) whether the information has since been collected;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in the matter?

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

(b) The details of proposal for modernisation of Telephone Exchanges in Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat and its suburban during 1996-97 is given in statement-I. The details of proposal for expansion of exchanges in the above States during 1996-97 is given in statement-II.

(c) Action as per (b) above.

Statement-I

Proposal for modernisation of telephone exchanges during 1996-97

S.No.	Name of exchanges	Type	Capacities
1	2	3	4
<i>UTTAR PRADESH</i>			
1.	Kanpur-Krishnanagar	Strowger	3000
2.	Kanpur-Lajpat Nagar	Crossbar	4000

1	2	3	4
3.	Lucknow-Bhadewan	Crossbar	3000
4.	Lucknow-Mahanagar	"	10000
5.	Varanasi-Cantt.	Strowger	5100
6.	Moradabad	"	7800
7.	Bareilly	"	10000
8.	Dehradun	"	8100
9.	Ghaziabad	Crossbar	6000
10.	Sambal	Strowger	1500
11.	Akrabad	"	25
12.	Beswan	"	50
13.	Bijoli	"	25
14.	Cahnadappa	"	50
15.	Gorai	"	25
16.	Koriaganj	"	25
17.	Manmaho	"	25
18.	Pachon	"	25
19.	Salempur	"	25
20.	Tappal	"	25
21.	Wazidpur	"	25

MADHYA PRADESH

1.	Bhopal-Arera	Strowger	1664
2.	Indore-Nehru Park-III	"	2800
3.	Gwalior-City-I	Crossbar	10000
4.	Rau	Strowger	400
5.	Debra	"	700
6.	Raipur	"	6900
7.	Bilaspur	"	5000
8.	Ujjain	"	3200

GUJARAT

1.	Ahmedabad-Railwaypura	"	7000
2.	Ahmedabad-Railwaypura	"	3000
3.	Ahmedabad-Naranpura	Crossbar	10000
4.	Bhavnagar-Panwadi	Strowger	2700
5.	Surat-Mahidharpura	"	4800
6.	Jamnagar	"	1500
7.	Jamnagar	"	2000
8.	Nadiad	"	4500
9.	Godhra	"	1500

Statement-II*Proposal for expansion of exchanges during 1996-97*

S.No.	Name of Exchange	Typy	Capacity
1	2	3	4
UTTAR PRADESH			
1.	Lucknow-Alambagh	EWSD	2000
2.	Lucknow-Bhadewan	E-10B, RLU	4000

1	2	3	4
3.	Lucknow-Kaisarbagh	E-10B	1000
4.	Lucknow-T.P. Nagar	EWSD	3000
5.	Lucknow-Mahanagar	E-10B	1000
6.	Lucknow-Jankipuram	E-10B, RLU	1000
7.	Lucknow-Mahanagar	EWSD	5500
8.	Barabanki	E-10B, RLU	2000
9.	Jhansi-Cantt.	"	2000
10.	Ghazipur	"	1000
11.	Lakhimpur	C-DOT	128
12.	Rai Bareilly	"	1000
13.	Gorakhpur-Rapti Nagar	E-10B, RLU	1000
14.	Faizabad	"	1000
15.	Varanasi-Cantt.	"	1000
16.	Kanpur-Benajhabar	EWSD	1120
17.	Ghaziabad-D-2/75-Lavel	E-10B	2000
18.	Ghaziabad-Patel Marg	E-10B	1000
19.	Ghaziabad-Noida	EWSD	5000
20.	Ghaziabad-Rajender Nagar	EWSD, RSU	200
21.	Agra-Taj Nagari	E-10B, RLU	1000
22.	Agra-Sanjay Place	E-10B	1000
23.	Agra-TAX-Bhawan	"	1000
24.	Aligarh	"	2000
25.	Aligarh-Hathras	E-10B, RLU	1000
26.	Dehradun-Rishikesh	"	1000
27.	Dehradun-Clemintown	"	1000
28.	Dehradun-Mussoorie	"	1000
29.	Bareilly	E-10B	1000
30.	Muzaffar Nagar-Gandhi Colony	E-10B, RLU	1000
31.	Haridwar	E-10B	500
32.	Haridwar-Jwalapur	E-10B, RLU	500
33.	Saharanpur-Mission Compound	E-10B	1000
34.	Roorkee	E-10B, RLU	1000
35.	Meerut-Baraut	E-10B, RLU	1000
36.	Mathura-Vrindavan	"	1000
37.	Mathura	E-10B	1000
38.	Barabanki-Haidergarh	C-DOT	256
39.	Barabanki-R.S. Ghat	"	256
40.	Barabanki-Barethi	"	128
41.	Barabanki-Satrikh	"	128
42.	Barabanki-Dariyabad	"	128
43.	Barabanki-Ramnagar	"	128
44.	Barabanki-Tikait Nagar	"	128

1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
45.	Behraich-Kaiserganj	C-DOT	320	28.	Hasalpur	C-DOT	256
46.	Behraich-Fakharapur	"	192	29.	Jamli	"	"
47.	Behraich-Payagpur	"	64	30.	Ganesh Nagar	"	"
48.	Behraich-Milinpurwa	"	128	31.	Ajnod	"	"
49.	Basti-Bhabnan	"	128	32.	Teesgaon	"	"
50.	Deoria-Barhaj	"	128	33.	Ringnod	"	"
51.	Pratapgarh-Raniganj	"	128	34.	Rajod	"	"
52.	Sultanpur-Surapur	"	128	35.	Kukshee	"	"
53.	Sitapur	"	1000	36.	Nimrani	"	"
54.	Azamgarh	"	2000	37.	Shamgarh	"	"
55.	Balia	"	1000	38.	Degeonmali	"	"
56.	Farukhabad	"	1000	39.	Ranapur	"	"
57.	Mirzapur	"	1000	40.	Raipuria	"	"
58.	Jaunpur	"	1000	41.	Hatpiplia	"	"
59.	Sultanpur	"	1000	42.	Kantaphod	"	"
60.	Rae Bareilly	"	1000	43.	Baroatha	"	"
61.	Shahjahanpur	"	1500	44.	Sonkutch	"	"
	<i>MADHYA PRADESH</i>			45.	Bahadurpur	"	"
1.	Bhopal-Bittal Market	E-10B	1000	46.	Mungaoli	"	"
2.	Durg-Bhillai	"	1000	47.	Suthalia	"	"
3.	Jabalpur-Miloniganj	"	1000	48.	Khujner	"	"
4.	Ujjain	C-DOT	2000	49.	Rajgarh	"	"
5.	Burhanpur	"	2000	50.	Ajaigarh	"	"
6.	Khandwa	"	1500	51.	Badliya Mataji	"	"
7.	Ratlam	"	2800	52.	Begumganj	"	"
8.	Bilaspur	"	2000	53.	Sanchi	"	"
9.	Korba	"	2000	54.	Ganj Basoda	"	"
10.	Katni	"	1800	55.	Bareth	"	"
11.	Indore-T.P. Nagar	E-10B	1000	56.	Singot	"	"
12.	Raipur	"	1000	57.	Dariapur	"	"
13.	Gwalior	"	2000	58.	Saraichola	"	"
14.	Bhopal-Arera	OCB	2000	59.	Gangiwara	"	"
15.	Indore-Nehru Park	EWSD	2000	60.	Bagara	"	"
16.	Dillod	C-DOT	256	61.	Junnardeo	"	"
17.	Molar Road	"	256	62.	Mandhar	"	"
18.	Niosnia Jat	"	"	63.	Beesapur	"	"
19.	Khane	"	"	64.	Palakhad	"	"
20.	Doraha	"	"	65.	Ramakona	"	"
21.	Shahganj	"	"	66.	Ghodawari	"	"
22.	Astha	"	"	67.	Pathakheda	"	"
23.	Bager	"	"	68.	Lal Barra	"	"
24.	Bilkisganj	"	"	69.	Lamta	"	"
25.	Bhander	"	"	70.	Garha Sarai	"	"
26.	Dakachya	"	"	71.	Bua Bichia	"	"
27.	Bicholimardana	"	"	72.	Sali Chowka	"	"

1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
73.	Saikheda	C-DOT	256	117.	Asna	C-DOT	128
74.	Karakbel	"	"	118.	Adaval	"	"
75.	Dongidhana	"	"	119.	Khatkheri	"	"
76.	Bandol	"	"	120.	Daghora	"	"
77.	Dhuma	"	"	121.	Katha	"	"
78.	Banki Mogra	"	"	122.	Nadan	"	"
79.	Parsoda	"	"	123.	Bisrampur	"	"
80.	Koni	"	"	124.	Ramanujganj	"	"
81.	Masturi	"	"	125.	Datra	"	512
82.	Gonda Dih	"	"	126.	Sanwar	"	"
83.	Fastarpur	"	"	127.	Hatod	"	"
84.	Dalli Rajhara	"	"	128.	Nawapara rajim	"	"
85.	Nowbasta	"	"	129.	Anjad	"	"
86.	Gangao	"	"	130.	Malanpur	"	"
87.	Jayant	"	"	131.	Balco	"	"
88.	Kalera	"	"	132.	Soyatkalan	MILT	64
89.	Neelbad	"	"	133.	Nisania	"	"
90.	Barkheda	"	"	134.	Ranipura	"	"
91.	Bhanukhadi	"	"	<i>GUJRAT</i>			
92.	Khadi	"	"	1.	Rajkot-J.B. Exchange	OCB	7000
93.	Lasudia	"	"	2.	Surat-Nanpura	FTX, RSU	3000
94.	Hakimabad	"	"	3.	Surat-Rander	"	4000
95.	Panod	"	"	4.	Vadodara-Makarpura	FTX	5000
96.	Shahnagar	"	"	5.	Vadodara-Panigati	FTX, RSU	2000
97.	Mainpur	"	"	6.	Ahmedabad-Vasna	E-10B	2000
98.	Chandwas	"	"	7.	Ahmedabad-Vastrapur	E-10B, RLU	1000
99.	Jaora	"	128	8.	Ankleshwar, GIDC	"	1000
100.	Ringnod	"	"	9.	Ankleshwar, Town	"	3000
101.	Sarangi	"	"	10.	Bharuch, GIDC	E-10B	1000
102.	Pratappur	"	"	11.	Bharuch, Town	"	2000
103.	Thandla	"	"	12.	Bhavnagar	"	3500
104.	Bijuri	"	"	13.	Gandhinagar	"	2000
105.	Sawan	"	"	14.	Godhara	E-10B, RLU	1000
106.	Bhayana	"	"	15.	Junagarh	E-10B	1000
107.	Sesai	"	"	16.	Junagarh-Sardar Banch	E-10B, RLU	1000
108.	Garatganj	"	"	17.	Mehsana	E-10B	500
109.	Silwani	"	"	18.	Navsari	"	2000
110.	Gandhwa	"	"	19.	Rajkot	E-10B	112
111.	Badchichli	"	"	20.	Rajkot-Aji	E-10B, RLU	300
112.	Teegaon	"	"	21.	Rajkot-Bhakti Nagar	"	3500
113.	Dongarmali	"	"	22.	Rajkot-K.R. Exchange	E-10B	2200
114.	Kalyanpur	"	"	23.	Surat-Mahidharpur	"	1000
115.	Tarod	"	"	24.	Surat-Katagram	"	2000
116.	Pakhanjore	"	"	25.	Surat-Pandesara	"	1500
				26.	Surat-Udhana	"	1000

1	2	3	4
27.	Vadodara-Gorva	E-10B	2000
28.	Surender Nagar	E-10B, RLU	750
29.	Vadodara-Koyali	"	250
30.	Vadodara-Fatehganj	"	1000
31.	Vadodara-Panigate	"	1000
32.	Cambay	C-DOT	500
33.	Kadi	PRX	72

Modernisation of Automatic Exchanges in Bihar

912. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of digital trunk and automatic exchanges modernised in Dumka, Godda, Deodhar, Banka and Jamui districts of Bihar;

(b) the number of STD telephones set in order and the number of new STD telephones installed;

(c) the procedure of providing STD/ISD and PCO facility in rural areas;

(d) the number of solar energy telephones set up in rural areas of above districts which are functioning; and

(e) the number of such telephones proposed to be installed?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) There are no digital trunk exchanges in Dumka, Godda, Deodhar, Banka and Jamui District of Bihar.

The number of automatic exchanges modernised in above Districts is given below :

Dumka : 13; Godda : 8; Deodhar : 7; Banka : 10 and Jamui : 11 only.

(b) The performance of the STD payphones is closely monitored. The number of STD payphones installed in the places mentioned above are :

Dumka : 32; Godda : 10; Deodhar : 67; Banka : 5 and Jamui : 9.

(c) The STD/ISD payphones are allotted on the basis of the recommendations of a Committee set up for the purpose. Village PCOs are installed in places easily accessible to the Public.

(d) Number of Solar energy telephones set up in rural areas districtwise which are functioning are :-

Dumka : 95; Godda : 24; Deodhar : 20; Banka : 129 and Jamui : 90.

(e) The number of solar energy telephones proposed to be installed districtwise during 1996-97 are :

Dumka : 12; Godda : 7; Deodhar : 24; Banka : 102 and Jamui : 12.

Introduction of Another Express Train Between Kanniyakumari and Chennai

913. SHRI K. PARASURAMAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received representations from the public as well as various organisations requesting for introduction of one more Express train between Kanniyakumari and Chennai to enable passengers to reach Chennai in time to catch different trains for Northern, Western and Eastern parts of the country;

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be introduced; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Some representations have been received in this regard.

(b) There is no such proposal at present.

(c) Due to operational and resource constraints.

[Translation]

Increase in the Relay Capacity of Jaipur Doordarshan Kendra

914. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to increase the relay capacity of Jaipur Doordarshan Kendra, Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be increased;

(c) whether the programmes of the Jaipur Doordarshan Kendras can be viewed in the entire State; and

(d) if not, the efforts being made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b) There is no proposal, at present, to increase the power of the existing High Power TV Transmitter (HPT) at Jaipur.

(c) and (d) Whereas the regional service originating from Doordarshan Kendra, Jaipur is available throughout the country including the entire State of Rajasthan, via satellite, by using an appropriate dish antennae system, the service is being relayed terrestrially by all the HPTs and LPTs in the State.