

Name of City	Waiting List
1. Gandhinagar (State Capital)	2885
2. Amedabad	47797
3. Rajkot	7066
4. Surat	16404
5. Vadodara	23447

(b) A part of the waiting list as on 28.2.97 has been cleared during March, 1997. New exchanges are being opened and the existing exchanges are being expanded to clear the remaining waiting list during 1997-98 and thereafter, subject to availability of equipment and other resources.

#### Waiting List for Telephone

432. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of persons in the waiting list for telephone connections in the state capitals of the country as on February 28, 1997; and

(b) the measures proposed to be taken by the Government to clear the waiting list ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) The details of waiting list, as on February 28, 1997 are given in the enclosed Statement.

(b) A part of the waiting list as on 28.2.97, has been cleared during March, 97. Efforts are being made to clear most of the remaining waiting list during 1997-98 and thereafter, subject to availability of equipment and other resources.

#### Statement

*Waiting List in the State Capitals as on  
February 28, 1997*

Sl. No.	Name of State	Name of State Capital	Waiting list as on 28.02.1997
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Hyderabad	37189
2.	Assam	Guwahati	9587

1	2	3	4
3.	Bihar	Patna	9990
4.	Gujarat	Gandhinagar	2885
5.	Himachal Pradesh	Shimla	1438
6.	Haryana	Chandigarh	5324
7.	J & K	1. Srinagar	17039
		2. Jammu	7101
8.	Karnataka	Bangalore	41461
9.	Kerala	Trivandrum	8990
10.	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal	8598
11.	Maharashtra	Mumbai	20387
12.	Goa	Punjim	229
13.	<b>North-East</b>		
	i. Arunachal Pradesh	Itanagar	951
	ii. Manipur	Imphal	1072
	iii. Meghalaya	Shillong	1867
	iv. Mizoram	Aizawal	714
	v. Nagaland	Kohima	429
	vi. Tripura	Agartala	3909
14.	Orissa	Bhubneshwar	4501
15.	Punjab	Chandigarh	5324
16.	Rajasthan	Jaipur	40925
17.	Tamil Nadu	Chennai	84393
18.	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow	1600
19.	West Bengal	Calcuttta	59036
20.	Sikkim	Gangtok	602
21.	Delhi	Delhi	3783

[English]

#### Survey for Wadi-Gadag Railway Line

433. SHRI RAJA RANGAPPA NAIK : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the survey for Wadi-Gadag railway line has been conducted recently;