

*[Translation]***Opening of Doordarshan Centre, Chandigarh**

5255. SHRI SATYA PAL JAIN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to open a Doordarshan centre at Chandigarh;
 (b) if so, the details thereof; and
 (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A suitable site for the proposed Programme Generation Facility Centre at Chandigarh has already been taken over. The normal lead time for implementation of a project of this magnitude is about two years from the start of civil works at the site.

- (c) Does not arise.

*[English]***Expert Panel to Assess New Value Added Services**

5256. SHRI UTTAMSINGH PAWAR: Will the Minister

Statement

List of value added Telecom Services identified by the Working Group for 9th Five Year Plan period in the Country

Category	Name of the service
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I. Existing Value Added Services	(i) Cellular Mobile Telephone Service
	(ii) Radio Paging Service
	(iii) Public Mobile Radio Trunked Service
	(iv) Electronic Mail Service
	(v) Voice Mail/Audiotex
	(vi) Videotex
	(vii) Video Conferencing
	(viii) Closed Users Group (CUG) 64 kbps Domestic Data Network Service via INSAT Satellite Systems.
	(ix) Credit Card Authorisation
	(x) INTERNET
II. New Value Added Services (to be introduced during 9th Plan)	(i) Pay Phone Services
	(ii) Home banking/tele-banking
	(iii) Automatic Teller Machine
	(iv) Global Positioning System
	(v) Multi-media Services

of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the expert panel which was set up to assess the requirement of new value added services in the telecom sector in the Ninth Plan period, has submitted its reports;
 (b) if so, the details thereof; and
 (c) the action taken by the Government to implement the recommendations of the Panel?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) to (c) The expert Working Group headed by Member (Technology), Telecom Commission which was set up by Planning Commission to assess the requirement of new valued added services in the Telecom Sector in the 9th Plan Period, has submitted its report.

The group has identified 12 new Value Added Services for introduction and 10 existing Value Added Services for expansion during the 9th Five Year Plan Period. The group has also identified 5 services as emerging Value Added Services envisaged to be at the experimental/development stage by the end of 9th Plan. List of Services identified in the three categories is given in the statement attached.

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III. Emerging Value Added Services
(Experimental/Development stage by
the end of 9th Plan).

- (vi) Global Mobile Satellite Services
- (vii) Mobile Satellite Phone through INSAT-2C
- (viii) Services using IN Planform
- (ix) Services using ISDN Planform
- (x) Personal Communication Service
- (xi) Tele-medicine/Health Information Services
- (xii) Distance Education Service
- (i) Multi-media Data Bases
- (ii) Video on Demand
- (iii) Electronic and on-line Magazine
and Newspapers
- (iv) Video Games/Virtual Reality
- (v) Home Shopping/Video Shopping.

**Setting up of Railway Coach Factory in
Andhra Pradesh**

5257. SHRI AJMEERA CHANDULAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a proposal to set up a Railway Coach Factory in Warangal, Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) At the time of setting up of a second coach manufacturing unit, several States suggested sites for locating the proposed unit. Warangal was one of the locations suggested. Taking all factors into consideration, Kapurthala in the State of Punjab was the site ultimately selected for the coach factory.

Comprehensive Plan for Development

5258. SHRI RAJABHAU THAKRE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have drawn up a comprehensive plan of action development/upgradation/modernisation of postal services in each district of

Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details of investments made in this regard during the last five years and major achievements reported in terms of targets set in each district of Vidarbha region in Maharashtra;

(c) the details of investments likely to be made during 1997-98 in Maharashtra for urban and rural areas separately and district-wise investment proposed on postal communication projects in Vidarbha region; and

(d) the major on-going/new projects for upgradation of post communication in urban areas of Maharashtra and present status thereof in terms of targets set?

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

(b) The details of investments made in this regard during the last five years and major achievements in Maharashtra Circle including the district of Vidarbha Region are given in statement attached.

(c) The financial outlay for the Annual Plan 1997-98 is yet to be approved.

(d) So far as target for expansion of Postal Network is concerned it is proposed to open 3 Departmental Sub Post Offices and 35 Extra-Departmental Branch Post Offices in Maharashtra subject to availability of resources and norm based justification. As for other projects these are still under formulation.