

1

2

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.

**Statement**

*Details of investments made during the past 5 years and major achievements in Vidharbha Region of Maharashtra Circle:*

Sl. No.	Major achievements during the last 5 years	Details of Investments
1.	37 Multi Purpose Counter Machines have been installed in Vidarbha Region where 22 have been installed in Nagpur, 1 in Bhuldhana, 2 each in Chandrapur, Yeotmal and Wardha and 4 each in Amravati and Akola.	Rs. 22,57,930
2.	5 Very Small Aparture Terminals (VSATs) have been installed in Maharashtra Circle with 1 installed at Nagpur.	Rs. 50.0 lacs (for all 5 VSAT Stations)
3.	77 Post Offices were modernised in Maharashtra Postal Circle. In the Vidharbha Region, Nagpur City H.O., Wardha H.O., Amravati Camp S.O. and Chandrapur City S.O. have been modernised.	A total amount of Rs. 3.44 crores has been invested for the 77 Post Offices.
4.	1546 Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices (EDBOs) and 466 Departmental Sub Post Offices (DSOs) have been sanctioned during the 8th Five Year Plan for the whole of the country. Out of this a total number of 170 EDBOs against a target of 163 EDBOs and 62 DSOS against a target of 51 DSOS have been sanctioned for Maharashtra Postal Circle.	A sum of Rs. 16.50 crore approximately has been invested in this regard for the whole of the country which includes Maharashtra Circle as well.
5.	Upgradation of Speed Post Centers and Modernisation of Premium Products.	A total sum of Rs. 51.10 lacs has been invested for this purpose for the whole of Maharashtra Circle.

**Separate Compartment for Ladies**

5259. SHRI P.C. CHACKO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kerala Women's Commission had submitted a representation to the Government that in the long distance trains two compartments should be exclusively for ladies and separate colour with a picture of women should also be deployed;

(b) if so, whether the Government had assured some time back to reserve two compartments for ladies and also separate colour and picture of a woman on them;

(c) if so, whether the implementation of the said assurances have not taken place so far;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the time by which these are likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) No, Sir. However, Southern Railway has been instructed to identify some passenger trains in Kerala, justifying earmarking of full II class coach for Ladies and marshal the ladies compartment in the middle, painted with a picture of the woman.

**Action against Black Listed Firms**

5260. SHRI P. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Telecommunications has initiated action against the black listed telecom firms;

(b) if so, the number and names of such firms; and

(c) the details of action taken against these firms?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) No, Sir. However action has been initiated to ban business activities against some firms.

(b) As per the statement enclosed.

(c) An Inquiry Officer has been nominated by the Deptt. Show cause notices have been issued to all the 14 firms.