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LPT

Jorhat, Sonari
 Goalpara, Bongaingaon
 Golaghat, Haflong
 North Lakhimpur, Tinsukhia
 Lumding, Hatsinghmari
 Margheritta, Hojai
 Dhubri, Diphu
 Kokrajhar, Nagaon
 Nazira, Tezpur,
 Guwahati (DD-II)

VLPT

Digboi

TRANSPOSER

Guwahati

LPT

Bokaghat
 Silchar (DD-II)
 Dibrugarh (DDII)

2nd Transposer at Guwahati

Legend : LRS - Local Radio Station
 NRS - New Radio Station
 RC - Relay Centre
 CRS - Community Radio Station
 HPT - High Power Transmitter
 LPT - Low Power Transmitter
 VLPT - Very Low Power Transmitter.

*[Translation]***Post Offices in Village Panchayat**

2570. SHRI RAJESH RANJAN ALIAS PAPPU YADAV : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

- (a) the number of village panchayats in which Post Office facility is available in Bihar;
- (b) the time limit fixed for providing such facilities to every village panchayat;
- (c) the number of such village panchayat post offices where telegram facility is available;
- (d) whether the Government have formulated any scheme to provide telegram facility in every village panchayat Post Offices of the State;
- (e) if so, the details thereof district-wise;
- (f) whether the Government propose to provide speed post service in the main cities of the State; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) There are 8254 village Panchayats in which Post Office facility is available in Bihar.

(b) There is no specific Plan to provide Post Office in each Village Panchayat. Post Offices are opened

progressively under Annual Plan Schemes subject to fulfilment of norms and availability of resources.

(c) There are 3394 Village Panchayat Post Offices where telegram facility is available.

(d) No, Sir. There is no policy of the Department to provide telegraph facility in every village panchayat Post Office of the State, as it is provided on the basis of demand and justification of volume of traffic.

(e) In view of above, not applicable.

(f) The main cities of Bihar already covered under National Speed Post Network are Patna, Ranchi, Jemshedpur and Dhanbad; Purnea, Katihar, Muzaffarpur, Munger, Begusarai, Darbhanga, Siwan, Motihari, Betiah, Giridih, Ara, Bhagalpur, Gaya & Bokaro Steel City are cities/Towns which are served under point-to-point Speed Post Network.

(g) Does not arise in view of (f) above.

*[English]***Contract for Export of Rice**

2571. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact the Centre's nominee in the Board of Directors of the Food Corporation of India had complained about awarding of contract for export of rice without inviting tenders in 1995;