

1	2	3	4
66.	Makonahalli	CDOT	20
67.	Mallondur	CDOT	68
68.	Malleswara	MILT+CDOT	112
69.	Maile	CDOT	46
70.	Mathigatta	MILT	34
71.	Melepal	MILT	24
72.	Mudigera	ILT+CDOT	79
73.	Mugularalli	MILT	26
74.	Muthinakoppa	MILT	53
75.	N.R. Pura	CDOT	128
76.	NMDC	CDOT	-
77.	Narve	CDOT	41
78.	Nemmar	CDOT	56
79.	Nidagatta	MILT	24
80.	Panahanahalli	CDOT	38
81.	Quard Hitlow	CDOT	32
82.	Pandaravalli	MILT	10
83.	Ramenahalli	MILT	31
84.	Rangenahalli	MILT+MILT	45
85.	S.G. Pat	CDOT	43
86.	Sakrayapatna	CDOT	23
87.	Sampigehatti	MILT	5
88.	Shanthigrama	CDOT	39
89.	Shanuvalli	MILT+CDOT	76
90.	Shillykoppa	CDOT	57
91.	Shivani	CDOT	50
92.	Siddaramutli	MILT	18
93.	Singatagera	MILT	41
94.	Siravare	CDOT	26
95.	Sringeri	ILT+CDOT	38
96.	Sunkasale	MILT	19
97.	Tarikera	ILT+CDOT	45
98.	Togarihankal	CDOT	12
99.	Uttameshwara	CDOT	97
100.	Vasbare	CDOT	18
101.	Yagati	CDOT	35
102.	Yellambalase	MILT	13
Total			5046

#### Programme Aaj Tak and Tonight

5377. SHRI SATYAJITSINH DULIPSINH GAEKWAD: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether any consideration was paid to the informative and educative value of programmes like 'Aaj Tak' and 'Tonight' while squeezing out the Hindi news

programme Aaj Tak from prime time to late hours i.e. 10.00 p.m. and altogether squeezing out the English news update from the Doordarshan telecast;

(b) whether due consideration was also paid to the citizen's right to information; and

(c) if so, the reasons for shifting the Hindi news programme to late-night hours and squeezing out the English one altogether?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY) : (a) to (c) The Hindi News Programme 'Aaj Tak' was shifted from the 9.30 p.m. slot to 10.00 p.m. slot keeping in view the overall programming requirement of Doordarshan including raising of more resources and countering a Hindi News Programme coming on a rival channel at the same time i.e. at 10.00 p.m. This shifting of time slot has not affected the popularity of the news programme.

Regarding the English news programme, 'The News Tonight', the producer informed Doordarshan that they had entered into an agreement with a foreign channel 'Star Plus' for producing similar news based programme. Doordarshan, therefore, had no option but to discontinue the programme.

#### Cellular Consortiums in India

5378. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether following the decision of Department of Telecommunications to charge upto rupees ten a minute on calls from fixed line to mobile phones from February 15, 1997, a number of foreign companies involved in a cellular consortiums in India are reviewing their involvement in this industry;

(b) if so, the details of such companies alongwith the details of disappointment expressed by them; and

(c) the reaction of the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) No communication/notice has been received from any of the foreign companies in this regard.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

[Translation]

#### Closure of Musabani Mines, Bihar

5379. SHRI DHIRENDRA AGARWAL : Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have decided to close down the Musabani Mine of Chibasa district in Bihar;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of workers likely to be rendered jobless due to the closure of the mine;

(d) whether the Government propose to reopen this mine; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which production in the mine is likely to be commenced ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) No, Sir:

(b) to (e) Does not arise.

#### Modernisation of Postal System

5380. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are considering to modernise the postal system so as to remove the mismanagement therein; and

(b) if so, the outline and details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) and (b) Modernisation of the postal system by induction of technology has been one of the objectives of the 8th Five Year Plan of the Department of Posts. This objective is being achieved through introduction of computer based technology in different areas of activities with specific emphasis on counter services.

The programmes of modernising the postal services are intended to provide :—

(a) More efficient and responsive counter services for the customer ;

(b) New value added services to meet the needs of identified customer groups, and

(c) Modern and clean work environment with better

ergonomics to raise employees morale and eliminate drudgery in work.

The specific programmes of mechanisation and modernisation formulated for this purpose are :—

- Introduction of computer based multi-purpose counter machines.
- Automatisation of mail processing in important large centres.
- Setting up of Very Small Aperture Terminals (VSATs) network for speed transmission of money orders and provision of other value added services.
- Use of computers for Savings Bank, Post Life Insurance (PLI) and Speed Post Operations.
- Modernisation of the counter services and the front office through upgradation of work environment and improved customer facilities.
- Providing upgraded operational equipments in more in important offices to speed up work processes and eliminate drudgery of work.

The extent of achievements in the schemes for mechanisation and modernisation, the Plan outlay provided in the Eighth Five Year Plan for the purpose and the amounts utilised upto March, 31,1996 are indicated in statement-I, II and III respectively. During 1996-97, which is the last year of Eighth Plan Period, these programmes of modernisation were continued.

The Schemes introduced are being consolidated for wider coverage and optimal utilisation of resources in order to extend the benefit of technology to a large section of customers including those in the rural areas.

#### Statement-I

*Physical achievement in the schemes during the first four years of the eighth plan period*

Sl. No.	Name of Scheme	Target 8th Five Year Plan	Achievement as on 31.3.96 plan
1	2	3	4
<b>1. Upgradation of Technology :</b>			
a.	Installation of Multi-purpose counter machines	5000	2300
b.	Mechanisation of Mail handling	3	2
c.	Installation of VSAT network	75 (Stations)	61 (Stations)
d.	Modernisation of Post Offices	No specific Target Set	481