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Passenger Amenities at Kurukshetra Railway Station

6438. SHRI O.P. JINDAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the fact that lakhs of pilgrims visit Kurukshetra every year and the railway station is so small that it is very difficult to provide facilities for all the passengers;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to expand the Kurukshetra railway station as per the requirement and to provide all facilities in view of the above fact;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) to (d) Adequate facilities to handle the passenger traffic at Kurukshetra are created during the Mela period. Since rush of passengers are only for a very limited duration, creation of permanent facilities are not justified.

[English]

Satellite Earth Station

6439. SHRI P. NAMGYAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the Unstarred Question No. 968 dated November 28, 1996 and state:

(a) whether the answer given about the working of satellite earth station of Thoise was contrary to the fact and the linkage of the said earth station was technically not feasible;

(b) if so, the reasons for giving the incorrect reply and misleading the House;

(c) whether the earth station already installed at Thoise is likely to be shifted to Diskit, the headquarters of Nubra sub division;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether a new satellite earth station is likely to be installed at Diskit during 1997; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) No, Sir. (Satellite earthstation is already working at Thoise and linkage of Thoise earth station with Diskit on a terrestrial media is technically feasible.

(b) Question does not arise in view of reply to part (a) above.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Question does not arise in view of reply to part 'c' above.

(e) Satellite earth station using SCPC technology at Thoise is already working which was technically/financially justified at that point in time to meet the requirement for Diskit as well. Now with the stabilisation of MCPC technology, it is also possible to provide direct satellite access to the Diskit telephone exchange. Therefore it is proposed to provide MCPC-VSAT at Diskit during 1997-98 time frame.

(f) Question does not arise in view of reply to part 'e' above.

Telephone Adalats in U.P.

6440. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Telephone Adalats organised in Uttar Pradesh during the last two years;

(b) the number of cases settled;

(c) whether such Adalats are proposed to be organised at the State level also; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) 23 Telephone Adalats were held during last two years in U.P.

(b) 1519 cases were settled in these Adalats.

(c) and (d) Telephone Adalats are being held in Telecom Circles/districts headed by Telecom District Engineers and above, in all the States/Union Territories.

T.V. Transmitter Project in Maharashtra

6441. SHRI RAJABHAU THAKRE:

SHRI NARAYAN ATHAWALAY:

SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of T.V. relay centres HPT/LPT/VLPT functioning in Maharashtra as on March 31, 1997, location-wise;

(b) details of HPTs/LPTs VLPTs approved during 1995-96 in the State and works remained incomplete/not taken up so far and the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of new projects cleared during 1996-97 and location-wise target set for 1997-98;

(d) the details of action taken/proposed on completion of pending/ongoing projects in Vidarbha region of Maharashtra;

(e) whether the Government also propose to convert LPT into HPT in the State; and

(f) if so, the details thereof; location-wise?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) The requisite details are given in the statement-I

(b) Out of 16 Low Power Transmitter (LPT) and 3 Very Low Power Transmitter (VLPT) projects approved for implementation during 1995-96 in the State of Maharashtra, 9 LPTs and 1 VLPT have already been commissioned into service. The remaining 7 LPTs and 2 VLPTs are expected to be made technically ready for commissioning during 1997-98 subject to timely supply of equipment, availability of infrastructural facilities required for the purpose and staff sanction.

(c) TV projects commissioned during 1996-97 and those presently under implementation and targeted for completion in phases during 1997-98 subject to timely supply of equipment and other infrastructural facilities required for the purpose, in the State of Maharashtra are given in the statement-II attached.

(d) 1 HPT, 26 LPTs, 1 VLPT and a studio centre are presently in operation in the Vidarbha Region of Maharashtra. With a view to further strengthen TV service, 2 HPTs, 13 LPTs, 1 VLPT and studio (augmentation) are under implementation/envisaged to be set up in Vidarbha Region in phases subject to availability of financial resources and infrastructural facilities required for the purpose.

(e) and (f) The question of upgrading a few existing LPTs located at strategic locations like highly populated cities into HPTs will be examined after the IX Five Year Plan of the Doordarshan is approved and outlays become known.

Statement-I

Location-wise details of TV transmitters functioning in the State of Maharashtra (as on 31.03.1997)

Type of Transmitter	Location
1	2
H.P.T.	Ambajogai Aurangabad Mumbai

1	2
	Mumbai (DD II)
	Mumbai (DD III)
	Nagpur
	Pune
L.P.T.	Achalpur
	Acot
	Aheri
	Ahmednagar
	Akluj
	Akola
	Amalner
	Amravati
	Arvi
	Barshi
	Bhusawal
	Bid
	Brahmapuri
	Buldana
	Chandrapur
	Chandur
	Chikhli
	Chiplun
	Devrukh
	Dhule
	Diglur
	Garhchiroli
	Gondia
	Hinganghat
	Hingoli
	Tchalkaranji
	Jalgaon
	Jalna
	Kankauli
	Karad
	Karanja (Akola)
	Khamgaon
	Kinwat
	Kolhapur
	Malegaon
	Manmad
	Mehekar
	Mhasle
	Morshi
	Nanded
	Nandurbad

1	2
	Nasik
	Navapur
	Osmanabad
	Pandharpur
	Parbhani
	Pusad
	Rajapur
	Ratnagiri
	Rissod
	Sangamner
	Sangli
	Satara
	Shahad
	Shirpur
	Sholapur
	Sironcha
	Umerga
	Wani
	Wardha
	Washim
	Yavatmal
	Nagpur (DD II)
V.L.P.T.	Badlapur
	Bhokar
	Chikaldhara
	Junnar
	Karjat
	Khed
Transposer	Aurangabad

Statement-II

Location-wise details of TV Transmitters commissioned during 1996-97 and those which are presently under implementation and are targetted for completion in phases in 1997-98 in the State of Maharashtra

TV Transmitters commissioned during 1996-97	TV Projects under Implementation and which are targetted during 1997-98
1	2
L.P.Ts	Studios
Sironcha	Mumbai (Exp.)
Chandur	Nagpur (Aug.)
Shirpur	Pune
Aheri	
Navapur	

1	2
V.L.P.Ts	L.P.Ts
Khed	Mangaon
Bhokar	Khopoli
Badlapur	Mahad
	Umarched
	Satana
	Chikoli
	Ambet

Village Connected with Telephone

6442. SHRI NITISH BHARADWAJ: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages which have yet to be connected with telephone facilities, State-wise;

(b) whether obsolete and outdated exchanges are being imported; and

(c) if so, the number of such exchanges which have stopped functioning or have started malfunctioning and have been replaced or are being replaced?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) 3,36,542 villages are yet to be connected with telephone facilities. State-wise break up is given in the Statement attached.

(b) and (c) No Exchange is being imported for provision of Village Public Telephone.

Statement

Village public telephone programme: annual and monthly target for 1997-98.

Sl. No.	Name of Circle	Uncovered Village as on 1.4.97
1	2	3
1.	Andaman Nicobar	181
2.	Andhra Pradesh	8188
3.	Assam	14360
4.	Bihar	63639
5.	Gujarat	4202
6.	Haryana	508
7.	Himachal Pradesh	11922
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	4400
9.	Karnataka	9543
10.	Kerala	0
11.	Madhya Pradesh	36159