

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) There is no such proposal at present.

(b) Question does not arise.

[Translation]

Waiting List for Telephone Connections

566. SHRI DILEEP SINGH BHURIA:

SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications on the waiting list for telephone connections in the country at present;

(b) the number of persons who have been on the said waiting list for more than three years;

(c) the number of telephone connections proposed to be provided during 1991, State-wise; and

(d) the concrete plan and time by which the remaining applicants are likely to be provided with telephone connections?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) 2116565 as on 30-6-91.

(b) Information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

(c) Statement is given below.

(d) This waiting list is proposed to be cleared by expansion of telephone network during 8th Plan period.

STATEMENT

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>Name of the Unit</i>	<i>Telephone connection Total addition</i>
I. METRO DISTRICTS		
1.	Bombay	46244
2.	Delhi	70169
3.	Calcutta	35192
4.	Madras	8811
	Total	160416
II. TELECOM CIRCLES		
5.	Andhra Pradesh	37771
6.	Assam	16299
7.	Bihar	22747
8.	Gujarat	45323
9.	Haryana	17371
10.	Himachal Pradesh	8283
11.	Jammu & Kashmir	3987
12.	Karnataka	32309
13.	Kerala	40445

Sl. No.	Name of the Unit	Telephone connection Total addition
14.	Madhya Pradesh.	59088
15.	Maharashtra	65977
16.	North East.	8679
17.	Orissa	9589
18.	Punjab	25458
19.	Rajasthan	36797
20.	Tamil Nadu	25327
21.	Uttar Pradesh	68932
22.	West Bengal	15533
	Total	539915
	Grand Total	700331

[English]

Opening of New Post Offices in Thane District of Maharashtra

567. PROF. RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to increase the number of post offices/sub-post offices in Thane district of Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) (i) 5 Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices which were sanctioned under the Annual Plan 1990-91 will be opened in 1991-92.

(ii) Besides, it is proposed to open 10 more Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices and 4 Departmental Sub-Post offices in Thane District during 1991-92.

Supply of Steel to Small Scale Industries

568. SHRI KADAMBUR M. R. JANARTHANAN: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether small scale industries are not supplied steel at Government controlled rates in proportion to their requirements; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to supply adequate quantity of steel to small scale industries at controlled rates?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) (a) and (b) There is no Government controlled rate for iron and steel. Prices of certain categories of iron steel are fixed by the Joint Plant Committee (JPC) and those materials are distributed in terms of the Distribution Guidelines of JPC. JPC categories of materials are supplied to small scale industrial units either through Small Scale Industries Corporations (SSICs) of States/Union Territories concerned or directly by the main producers at the prices fixed by JPC. Actual supplies of different categories of iron and steel to individual units depend upon the availability with the main producers.

[Translation]

Forged Passports

569. SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF FATMI:
SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases where forged passports were detected by the Government during the last three years, year-wise; and