

ore has been suggested by the State Governments of Bihar, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Orissa. Details of increases sought are given in the statement below

Some of the State Governments have justified seeking higher rates on account of increased prices for such minerals in domestic as well as international markets

## STATEMENT

| <i>Sl No.</i> | <i>Name of Mineral</i>            | <i>Existing Rate of royalty per tonne</i> | <i>Rates per tonne proposed by State Governments</i> |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| 1             | 2                                 | 3   | 4  |
| 1.            | Iron Ore<br>(Various grades)      | Rs. 0.50 to<br>Rs. 6 00                   | Rs. 0 50 to<br>Rs. 14 00                             |
| 2.            | Manganese Ore<br>(Various grades) | Rs 2.00 to<br>Rs 45 00                    | Rs. 4.00 to<br>Rs 92 00                              |
| 3.            | Chrome Ore<br>(Various grades)    | Rs. 5 00 to<br>Rs 60 00                   | Rs. 6 00 to<br>Rs. 78 00                             |

**Opening of Post Offices in Orissa**

359. SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SE-  
THI: Will the Minister of COM-  
MUNICATIONS be pleased to state  
the total number of Post Offices, both  
Branch Post Offices and Sub-Post Of-  
fices opened during 1990-91 and pro-  
posed to be opened in 1991-92 in  
Orissa?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN  
THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNI-  
CATIONS (SHRI P V. RANGAY-  
YA NAIDU): During 1990-91, 88  
Branch Post Offices and 7 Depart-  
mental Sub Post Offices were opened  
in Orissa

During 1991-92, 100 Branch Post  
Offices and 10 Departmental Sub Post  
Offices are proposed to be opened in  
Orissa

**Opening of Rural Telephone Changes  
in Orissa**

360. SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SE-  
THI: Will the Minister of COM-  
MUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Rural Tele-  
phone Exchanges opened during 1990-

91 and proposed to be opened in  
1991-92 in Orissa;

(b) whether most of such Telephone  
Exchanges opened during 1990-91, are  
yet to be commissioned; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN  
THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNI-  
CATIONS (SHRI P.V RANGAY-  
YA NAIDU) (a) 42 Nos. opened dur-  
ing 1990-91 and 30 Nos. are propos-  
ed to be opened during 1991-92.

(b) All the 42 Rural Telephone Ex-  
changes were commissioned

(c) Does not arise

[Translation]

**Arrests in Connection with the Assas-  
sination of Shri Rajiv Gandhi**

361. SHRI RAM VILAS PAS-  
WAN. Will the Minister of HOME  
AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons arrested  
so far in connection with the assas-  
sination of Shri Rajiv Gandhi; and