

**CHIEF ENGINEER'S OFFICE AT
COCHIN**

1044. **PROF. K. V. THOMAS** : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

- (a) whether there is a proposal to open a Chief Engineer's office at Cochin; and
(b) if so, when ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI
MALLIKARJUN)** : (a) No, Sir.

- (b) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

**RURAL ELECTRIFICATION IN
GUJARAT**

1045. **SHRI CHHITUBHAI GAMIT** : Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the number of villages in each district of Gujarat which have been recommended by the Gujarat Electricity Board for electrification under the Rural Electrification Corporation schemes;

(b) the number of villages and Bastis which have been sanctioned for electrification so far by the Union Government and the number of those amongst them

which have been electrified and the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the rest of these villages are likely to be electrified ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE
MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-
CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES
(SHRI KALP NATH RAI)** : (a) to (c) The Gujarat Electricity Board has declared cent percent electrification of villages in Gujarat by the end of February, 1989. A statement indicating the district-wise number of villages electrified is attached. However, this does not include 222 villages which are not susceptible of electrification due to reasons such as coming under submergence scheme, special forest rehabilitation scheme, absence of population etc. The district-wise break-up of such villages are as under :—

Bulsar	2
Bharuch	24
Baroda	14
Panchmahals	23
Sabarkantha	18
Mehsana	2
Kutch	21
Bhavnagar	2
Jamnagar	3
Junagarh	113
Total	222

STATEMENT

District-wise total number of villages and villages electrified in
Gujarat State

Sl. No.	Districts	Total No. of villages (as per 1981 census)	Villages electrified	Total Villages electrified under REC
1.	Valsad (Bulsar)	821	819	225
2.	Surat	1190	1190	530
3.	Dangs	311	311	223
4.	Broach	1123	1099	227
5.	Vadodara (Baroda)	1651	1637	636