

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2138
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PERFORMANCE OF POSTAL TELECOM PROJECTS
HEMA GAMANG

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have reviewed the progress of postal and telecommunication projects in Orissa particularly in tribal areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the targets set up and achievement made during the last three years;
- (c) whether the Government have formulated action plan to develop and strengthen postal and telecommunication system in the State particularly in tribal areas;
- (d) if so the details thereof for next five years?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

POSTAL SECTOR

(a) & (b) : Yes Sir. The Government has reviewed the progress of postal projects in Orissa. The progress made during the last 3 years in the State particularly in Tribal areas is as under:-

Item	1997-98		1998-99		1999-00	
	State	Tribal	State	Tribal	State	Tribal
Installation of ESMOs	10	1	-	-	8	3
Modernisation of Post offices			-	7	3	4
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The various building projects in the tribal areas of the State of Orissa are as below:-

	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
Construction of post offices	4	5	4
Construction of staff quarters	21	-	26

Most of the projects are on-going

(c) & (d) : For development of postal services, activities and programmes are formulated under Five Year Plans, which are then implemented under successive annual plans. The Department does not draw up plans state-wise. The Tenth Five Year Plan is yet to be formulated.

TELECOM SECTOR

(a) & (b) : Yes sir. The Government have reviewed the progress of telecommunication projects in Orissa particularly in Tribal areas. The Targets and Achievements of various telecommunication schemes introduced for Tribal areas in Orissa during the last three years are as under:-

S. No.	Item	1997-98		1998-99		1999-2000	
		Targets	Achiev	Targets	Achiev	Targets	Achievement

1	Telephone Exchanges	10	12	5	13	6	18
2	Switching Capacity	3750	10088	8100	27326	15520	25692
3	Direct Exchange Lines	3000	13373	6500	16265	9350	21858
4	Village Public Telephones	1400	770	1500	863	1332	651
5	Transmission Systems (RKM)s	250	71	20	32	17	85
6	Satellite stations	6	2	Nil	0	Nil	3

(c) : Yes, Sir

(d) : The action plans for development of telecommunication are formulated annually. Therefore it is not possible to give the details for the next five years at this stage. However, the annual plan for the next financial year 2001-2002 has been submitted to Planning Commission for approval.