

Madhya Pradesh. Identification of promising areas for iron-ore and possible base-metal mineral occurrences in Northern and Central parts of Orissa and delineation of structural details in the Singrauli Coal fields in Madhya Pradesh.

(c) The studies were carried out using data mainly from the Indian Remote Sensing Satellite (IRS-1A). Data from Landsat-TM (American satellite) and SPOT (French satellite) were also used.

(d) It is proposed to take up modelling studies for mineral exploration involving data from the IRS-1B, ERS-1 (ESA) and better resolution data from future satellite series (e.g. IRS-1C/1D) along with other geo-scientific data.

[*Translation*]

Upgradation of Post Offices in Bihar

6811. SHRIMATI GIRJA DEVI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to upgrade some branch and sub-post offices on the basis of population in Bihar during 1991-92; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI. RAJESH PILOT): (a) No, Sir. The upgradation of Branch Post Offices & Sub Post offices is done on the basis of workload and the prescribed financial parameters, and not merely on the basis of population.

(b). Does not arise in view of 'a' above.

[*English*]

Automatic Telephone Exchange with S.T.D. Facility in Tamluk, West Bengal

6812. SHRI. SATYAGOPAL MISRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a). whether there is any proposal under the co consideration of the Government for setting up of a automatic telephone exchange with S.T.D. facility in Tamluk, Midnapore District of West Bengal; and

(b). if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI. RAJESH PILOT): (a). Yes, Sir.

(b). An Electronic Telephone Exchange along with S.T.D. facility has been Planned to be set up during 1993-94 at Tamluk, Midnapore District of West Bengal.

[*Translation*]

Power Supply to Zinc Smelter Plant at Udaipur

6813. SHRI. BHERU LAL MEENA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a). the quantum of power required to operate Debari Zinc Smelter at Udaipur and the names of places from where power is being obtained to operate this plant indicating the number of units of power being obtained from each place; and

(b). whether D.G. sets have also been installed to overcome the shortage of power and if so, the number of D.G. sets installed and the total percentage of power consumption being met by these sets together with other details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI. BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a): During the year 1990-91 the maximum demand of the plant was 38.4 MVA. The total power supply to Zinc Smelter in Debari is met by Rajasthan State Electricity Board. The contract demand with Rajasthan State Electricity Board is 40 MVA.

(b) Yes, Sir. Three D.G. sets of total generating capacity of 15.36 MW have been installed at Zinc Smelter, Debari. These cater to the need during power cuts and power failures. Total captive generation during 1990-91 had been 46,07,117 units.

[English]

Transfer of Postal Divisions in Bihar

6814. SHRI. RAM NARESH SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any representations for the transfer of Aurangabad, Gaya and Rohtas Postal Divisions from the Ranchi Postal Circle to the Patna Postal Circle;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI. RAJESH PILOT): (a) A representation for such transfer of jurisdiction has been received only in respect of Gaya Postal Division.

(b) The matter is under examination.

(c) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Self-Sufficiency in Production of Pulses

6815. SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether large quantity of pulses are being imported annually; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government for attaining self-sufficiency in production of pulses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI. MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a): Yes, Sir.

(b) The following steps are being taken for achieving self-sufficiency in pulses:

- i) The National Pulses Development Programme schemes for improved seeds, demonstrations, plant protection measures, farm implements, dal processors bio-fertilisers and training programmes covering 26 States and Union Territories;
- ii) Plant Protection umbrella for gram and arhar against pod borer, cut-worm and termite in 11 States.
- iii) Scheme for expansion of area under summer moong/urad in 11 States;
- iv) A composite approach to pulses development covering crop production, technology, farmers' services/ inputs, post-harvest technology and price-support/ market intervention. This approach has been taken up by the Technology Mission on Oil seeds and Pulses.