

(b) The Neelachal Ashok Hotel is a joint venture between India Tourism Development Corporation and Orissa Tourism Development Corporation in the ratio of 51:49 respectively.

The hotel has been incurring losses since inception. The reasons attributed to the unsatisfactory performance *inter-alia* are: severe competition from private sector hotels; low occupancy; heavy incidence of interest burden and non-contribution of additional funds by Co-promoter required for improvement and repayment of loan.

(c) and (d) In order to improve the performance of the hotel ITDC has signed a supplementary promoters agreement with the co-promoter i.e. OTDC whereby OTDC will hold 38% of its share holding and thus ITDC will hold 89% of equity capital. This will enable ITDC to take complete control of the management and make further investment for improvement and upgradation of the property.

[Translation]

TV Transmitters/AIR Stations, Bihar

3025. SHRI RAJESH RANJAN ALIAS
PAPPU YADAV :
SHRI THOMAS HANSDA :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to set up LPT in Bihar particularly in District Purnia;

(b) if so, the details thereof location-wise;

(c) the details of proposals received from Bihar for setting up, expansion and upgradation of TV transmitters/AIR stations during the Eighth Five Year Plan, year-wise, location-wise;

(d) the details of the proposals cleared so far, location-wise and the expenditure incurred thereon; and

(e) the time which the remaining proposals are likely to be cleared alongwith expenditure likely to be incurred thereon in each case?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Details of Doordarshan service in Bihar is given in the enclosed Statement-I. However, there is no approved scheme to set up LPT in Purnia district as the entire Purnia district lies in the coverage range of HPT, Katihar.

(d) and (e) Statement-II is enclosed.

Statement - I
TV Projects as on 31.01.97

State	Under Implementation	Approx. Cap. cost (Rs. in lakhs)	Proposed (scheme to be sanctioned)
BIHAR			
	PPC		
	Ranchi (Aug.)	921.79	HPT Motihari Jamshedpur Deoghar
	LPT		LPT
	Noamundy	100.70	Gasba Rosera
	Kodarma	100.70	Bodh Gaya
	Saraikela	100.70	Jhumri Tilaiya
	Lakhisarai	105.00	
	Ramnagar	105.00	
	Chatra	97.00	
	Doudnagar	105.00	
	Simri Bakhtiarpur	97.00	
	Mushabani	97.00	
	Barharwa	105.00	
	Sikandra	97.00	
	VLPT		
	Simdega	77.65	
	Garhwa	83.00	

Statement - II

Requests are received from various quarters, including the State Governments, for augmentation of TV/Radio service in the States. Such requests are kept in view, alongwith other factors such as technical suitability of location, availability of infrastructural facilities, extent of resultant coverage and *inter-se* priorities, while finalising locations for projects which is a continuous activity. The names and locations of the projects commissioned upto January, 1997 and under implementation in Bihar during the 8th Five Year Plan and the capital costs involved on them are given in the Annexure. The lead time for various transmitters/ studio projects varies from one to four years after the sanction of the project. This is a continuous process and it is the endeavour of the Doordarshan and All India Radio to complete the projects as expeditiously as possible.

Annexure

Doordarshan and All India Radio projects commissioned and under implementation in Bihar during VIII Plan

Projects Commissioned	Capital Cost (Rs. in lakhs)
1	2
	3
All India Radio	
1. Patna Station - 3 KW FM Tr. (VB)	143.32
2. Purnea Station - 6 KW FM Tr.	292.00

1	2	3
3.	Chaibasa Station - 6 KW FM Tr.	290.00
4.	Hazaribagh Station - 6 KW FM Tr.	351.00
5.	Daltonganj Station - 10 KW FM Tr.	287.50
6.	Bhagalpur Station - 20 KW MM Tr.	286.52

Projects under implementation

1.	Ranchi Station - 50 KW SW Tr.	549.30
2.	Ranch Station - 6 KW FM Tr.	257.20
3.	Jamshedpur - CBS - 6 KW FM Tr.	485.53

Doordarshan

PGF	Daltonganj	686.00
PGF	Muzaffarpur	230.65
Studio	Patna	2453.86
LPT	Aurangabad	101.34
LPT	Phoolparas	11.27
LPT	Supaul	111.27
LPT	Raxaul	101.34
LPT	Gumla	85.07
LPT	Patna (DD.II)	34.30
LPT	Sheikhpura	97.00
LPT	Godda	101.34
LPT	Nawada	85.07
LPT	Lohardaga	101.34
LPT	Hazaribagh	101.34
		4401.19

Doordarshan Projects Under Implementation

Studio	Ranchi	921.79
LPT	Noamundy	100.70
	Kodarma	100.70
	Saraikela	100.70
	Ramnagar	105.00
	Chetra	97.00
	Dandnagar	105.00
	Simri Bakhtiarapur	97.00
	Mushabari	97.00
	Barharwa	105.00
	Sikandra	97.00
	Lakhisarai	105.00
VLPT	Simdega	77.65
	Garhwa	83.00

[English]

PCOs in Kashmir

3026. SHRI GULAM RASOOL KAR : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of PCO booths allotted in Kashmir both in urban and rural areas, separately;

(b) the details of the post offices in rural areas which do not have PCOs and target time to instal PCOs in every village Post Offices, District-wise;

(c) whether SCs/STs are given preferential treatment in allotment of PCO booths; and

(d) if so, the number of PCO booths have been allotted to SCs/STs?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Total number of PCOs allotted in urban and rural areas in Kashmir is as under:

Urban : 294

Rural: 92

(b) The details of post offices which do not have PCOs are as under:

S.No.	Name of District	No. of post offices without PCOs
1.	Anantnag	162
2.	Pulwama	89
3.	Badgam	82
4.	Srinagar	68
5.	Kupwara	72
6.	Baramulla	80

Department of Telecom has set a target to provide public telephone in every village by the end of 9th five year plan. However, this target is not post office specific. Village Public Telephones are installed at places depending upon suitability and availability of franchisee.

(c) and (d) Sir, preference in allotment is given to SC/ST applicants by the STD, PCO allotment committee. However, no separate data is maintained in this regard.

Telephones in Rural Areas in the Country

3027. SHRI SUKH COMMUNICATIONS be pl

(a) the target fixed for areas in the country during 1995-96;

(b) whether the target

(c) if so, the details t

(d) the reasons for target?