

	<i>Name of Districts</i>	<i>Sub Post Offices</i>	<i>Branch Post Office</i>
(a)	Belgaum	10	306
(b)	Dharwad	1	389
(c)	Bijapur	2	354

(b) The Department has planned to provide telephone facilities in all village Panchayats during 1991-95. These telephones will be located at post offices, Panchayat Offices, Grocer's shops or other suitable places with public access.

S.T.D. Booths and PCOS in Karnataka

6895. SHRI S.B. SIDNAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of STD telephone booths and Public Call Offices proposed to be opened in Karnataka during 1991-92;

(b) the number of applications pending for allotment of STD booths and PCOs in Karnataka as on June 30, 1991;

(c) the number of blind persons allotted PCOs in Bangalore during last two years;

(d) the number of blind persons on the waiting list for allotment of PCOs till date; and

(e) the time by which the waiting list is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) 350 STD Public Telephone (PTs) and 1150 local PTs are proposed to be provided during 1991-92.

(b) 273 applications are pending for STD PTs and 292 for local PTs.

(c) 14.

(d) There are no pending applications from blind persons.

(e) Though no waiting lists as such are maintained in this regard all pending applications at present are likely to be cleared during 1991-92 subject to technical feasibility and completion of departmental formalities by the applicants.

Waiting List for New Telephone Connections in Bangalore

6896. SHRI S.B. SIDNAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons on the waiting list for telephone connections in Bangalore as on June 30, 1991, category-wise;

(b) the number of telephone connections released during 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91, category-wise; and

(c) the time by which the waiting list if likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The number of persons on waiting list in Bangalore category-wise for telephone connections as on 30.6.91 is as under:-

OYT	-	4384
Special	-	2873
General	-	55661
Total:-		62918

(b) The number of telephone connections released category-wise is as under:-

<i>Category</i>		<i>1988-89</i>	<i>1989-90</i>	<i>1990-91</i>
OYT	:	3674	2738	5227
Special	:	2844	2001	2354
General	:	6419	6442	6241
Total	:	12937	11181	13822

(c) The expansion plan have been drawn for clearing the existing waiting list progressively by march 1995.

Payment of Telephone Bills through Banks

6897. SHRI PRATAPRAO B. BHONSLE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the M.T.N.L. has extended the facility for payment of telephone bills

through branches of certain banks; and

(b) if so, the details of these branches, bank-wise as on August 31, 1991?.

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

(b) Telephone bills are being collected through 93 branches in Delhi and 144 branches in Bombay of different nationalised banks as per following details:

<i>Delhi</i>	<i>No. of branches</i>	<i>branches as on 31.8.91 collecting bill</i>
1. State Bank of India		29
2. Punjab National Bank		35
3. Indian Overseas Bank		18
4. Oriental Bank of Commerce		11
		93
<i>Bombay</i>		
1. State Bank of India		27
2. Central Bank of India		21
3. Punjab National Bank		19
4. Indian Overseas Bank		4
5. Allahabad Bank		14