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LOK SABHA**

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OPENING OF POST AND TELEGRAPH OFFICES AND TP EXCHANGES IN U.P.

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to open new Post and Telegraph Offices and T.P. Exchanges equipped with STD facilities in Uttar Pradesh during the year 2002-2003; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SIKDAR)

(a) Yes Sir. The Government proposes to open new Post Offices during the year 2002-2003 subject to fulfilment of prescribed norms and availability of requisite resources. With the expansion of Telecom Network throughout the country and introduction of STD and FAX facilities, the demand for telegraph is reducing. Therefore, no specific targets for Telegraph Offices have been fixed. The telegraph facility is provided as per demand and justification. Targets for opening of TP (Teleprinter) Exchanges in UP may be taken as Nil. Targets for opening of Telephone Exchanges during 2002-2003 in U.P. are under finalisation.

(b) The Annual Plan for 2002-2003 in respect of Post Offices and Telephone Exchanges is yet to be finalised.