

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The details of the locations where TV Transmitters are under implementation/envisaged to be set up in the State of Maharashtra are given in the enclosed Statement.

(c) and (d). Requests are received from various quarters, including the State Governments, for augmentation of TV service in the States. Such requests are kept in view, alongwith other factors such as suitability of location, availability of infrastructural facilities, extent of resultant coverage a inter-se priorities, while finalising locations for Doordarshan projects which is a continuous activity.

STATEMENT

TV Transmitters under Implementation/Envisaged to be set up in the State of Maharashtra

Transmitters under Implementation	Transmitters Envisaged to be set up
1	2
	HPTs
	Chandrapur
	Jalgaon
	Mahipatgarh
	Brahmapuri
LPTs	LPTs/VLPTs
Shirpur	Raver
Navapur	Pandharkawada
Mangaon	Khanapur
Khopoli	Mangalwedha
Mahad	Akalkot
Umarkhed	Daryapur
Satana	Dhadgaon
Sironcha	Phaltan
Chandur	Chimur
Aheri	Sakoli
Chikoli	Arjuni
Ambet	Kurkhera
	Sindewahi
	Patan (Satara)
	Karanja (Wardha)
	Pulgaon
	Tivsa
	Bhandara
	Tumsar
	Pimpalner-Sakri
	Wai
	Koregaon
	Ashti

1	2
	VLPTs
	Malwan
	Malkapur
	Bhokar
	Badlapur

[English]

Howrah Goods Shed

327. SHRI AJOY MUKHOPADHYAY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state .

(a) whether the Government have decided to close down the Howrah Goods Shed, and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b). Howrah goods shed is operational and has not been closed. The goods shed is situated immediately after the Howrah coaching station at the Southern end. Remodelling and expansion of Howrah Coaching Station is due now to deal with future growth and pattern of suburban and non-suburban passenger services. The modalities for this purpose were examined by two expert committees and the plan for remodelling and expansion of the coaching station has been finalised. Further, a task force with representatives from the Planning Commission, West Bengal Government, Calcutta Metropolitan Development Authority, Calcutta Port Trust, Calcutta Corporation, Eastern, South Eastern and Metro Railways had also submitted a report in 1983 recommending development of additional coaching facilities by shifting Howrah goods shed. The Railway Reforms Committee (RRC) had also recommended shifting of Howrah goods shed in their report in 1983. There would be a need to shift Howrah goods shed in due course. Dankuni which is at a distance of 15 Kms. from Howrah goods shed is already dealing with bulk traffic and when further developed, it will be able to cater fully to the traffic of existing Howrah goods shed.

[Translation]

Development of Railway Stations

328. SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH :
SHRIMATI BHAVANA BEN DEVRAJ BHAI
CHIKHALIA :
SHRI TARIT BARAN TOPDAR :
SHRI SOUMYA RANJAN :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Railway Stations modernised/developed by the Government during the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government have also selected some more Railway Stations for modernisation/development.

(c) if so, the details thereof. State/UT-wise.

(d) the status of modernisation work of these stations; and

(e) the funds earmarked therefor during each of the last two years and current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) to (e). Stations are developed/modernised on a need based programme depending on the availability of funds. This is a continuous process and works in this regard are included in the Annual Works Programme of the Railways. Railway-wise information works is presented to the Parliament alongwith the Budget documents. State-wise/UT-wise information is not maintained in the Ministry of Railways.

Funds allocated for this purpose during the last two years and the current financial year are as under :

Year	Allocation (Rs. in crore)
1994-95	73.35
1995-96	87.98
1996-97	120.00

STD Facility in the Country

329. SHRI KACHARU BHAI RAUT : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the number of places proposed to be linked with STD telephone facility in the country during 1996-97. State-wise and location-wise?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : 1939 places are proposed to be linked with S.T.D. facility in the country during 1996-97. State-wise and Location-wise details are given in enclosed Statement.

STATEMENT

State-wise details where STD Facility is proposed to be provided during 1996-97.

State	No. of Locations
1	2
Andhra Pradesh	300
Assam	26
Bihar	18
Gujarat	100
Haryana	25

1	2
Himachal Pradesh	50
Jammu and Kashmir	26
Karnataka	250
Kerala	*
Madhya Pradesh	300
Maharashtra	98
Goa	6
Arunachal Pradesh	23
Manipur	14
Meghalaya	15
Mizoram	15
Nagaland	15
Tripura	23
Orissa	40
Punjab	150
Rajasthan	36
Tamil Nadu	50
Uttar Pradesh	253
West Bengal	99
Sikkim	5
A and N Islands	2
Total	1939

* All Stations have been provided with STD facility.

Problems to Consumers after Computerisation

330. SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY :
DR. RAMKRISHNA KUSMARIA :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether despite the computerisation of depositing of telephone bills, preparing duplicate bills and other various services provided by Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited, Consumers are facing difficulties;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether the Government propose to introduce any new scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) MTNL has been consistently improving its services and modernising its infrastructure, for the convenience of the subscribers. Continuous efforts are