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EXECUTION OF WORKS IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND POSTAL SECTOR

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

- (a) the details of the development works proposed to be executed in the areas of telecommunications and Postal sector in Maharashtra during the Tenth Five Year Plan particularly during the current year;
- (b) whether some of the works started in the Ninth Five Year Plan are still incompletd;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the time by which these works are likely to be completed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUI MAHAJAN)

Reply in respect of Telecom sector:

- (a) The details of the development works proposed to be executed in respect of Maharashtra telecom circle by BSNL (Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited) and in Mumbai by MTNL (Mahanager Telephone Nigam Limited) during 10th Five Year Plan and for the current year 2003-2004 are given in the Annexure-I and Annexure-II respectively.
- (b) No, Sir. All the targets have been achieved during 9th Five Year Plan.
- (c) & (d) Do not arise in view of (b) above.

Reply in respect of Postal sector:

- (a) Details of the development works to be executed in the Postal sector in Maharashtra during 10th Five Year Plan, particularly during the current year to the extent available are given at Annexure III. In some plans/schemes targets are fixed only on an annual basis. Hence, the details in respect of such schemes have not been firmed at this juncture.
- (b) One Project for construction of a Post Office building at Neral started in 9th Plan is on going.
- (c) The work relating to construction of building for Post Office and Sub Post Master quarters at Neral was started at the end of 9th Plan i.e. on 14-2-2002.
- (d) This project is likely to be completed during 2003-2004, subject to the availability of funds.

ANNEXURE-I

PROPOSED WORKS IN BSNL

| Sl. No. | ITEM | 2003-2004 | Tenth Five Year Plan |
|---------|--|-----------|----------------------|
| 1. | Exchange Capacity (Lines) | 682000+ | ++ |
| 2. | Direct Exchange Lines | 611000 | |
| 3. | Trunk Automatic Exchange (Kilo Circuits) | 86 | |

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| 4. | Optical Fibre Cable(Route Kilo Meters) | 4500 |
| 5. | Micro wave (Route Kilo Meters) | 100 |

Note:-

+ The targets are tentative.

++ Circle wise targets are prepared on yearly basis, hence targets for the 10th Plan period cannot be given.

ANNEXURE-II

PROPOSED WORKS IN MTNL

| Sl. NO. Plan) | ITEM | 2003-2004 | TOTAL (for the 10th Five Year |
|---------------|---|-----------|-------------------------------|
| 1. | Direct Exchange Lines | 247300 | 1416548 |
| 2. | Switching Capacity | 275000 | 1565000 |
| 3. | Trunk Automatic Exchange | - | 20000 |
| 4. | ACCESS NETWORK | | |
| (a) | DLCs (Digital Loop Carrier) | 400 | 1700 |
| (b) | Cable Replacement (Lakh Conductor Kilo Meter) | 16 | 38 |
| 5. | Optical Fibre Cable (Route Kilo Meters) | 420 | 2080 |

ANNEXURE-III

Details of the developmental activities in Maharashtra circle during the Tenth Plan

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(1) Six Head Record Offices of Maharashtra are proposed to be computerized during 10th Five Year Plan of which two are likely to be completed in the current financial year.

(2) It is proposed to computerize Track and Trace system for accountable articles in Mumbai and set up computerized Registration Sorting Centres in Maharashtra during the 10th Five Year Plan subject to availability of funds.

(3) During 10th Five Year Plan the department has undertaken a project for computerization of international mail processing at the four metropolitan cities Mumbai, Delhi, Kolkata and Chennai. The computerization of Air Mail Centre at Mumbai will be taken up as part of the project along with computerization of foreign post offices at Mumbai. In the current year, an amount of Rs. 21.63 lakh has been allotted for the Air Mail Centre at Mumbai and Rs. 25 lakh has been allotted for the foreign post offices. The project is to be completed by December 2003.

(4) A project for development of international Parcel Hubs is envisaged under the 10th Five Year Plan. An expenditure of Rs. 70 lakh is outlayed for the project in Mumbai, over the Five Year Plan period of the plan.

II. Computerization & Net working :

(a) Computerization and Networking of post offices and administrative offices.

(b) Modernization of operative/working systems.

(c) Expansion of e-Bill post are to be taken up during the Tenth Plan.

III. Buildings : The proposal for construction of building is awaiting approval of Expenditure Finance Commission and CCEA. This proposal includes certain projections for Maharashtra circle also.

IV. Circle Stamp Depot : As a part of the schemes under the Tenth Five Year Plan, the two Circle Stamp Depots for Maharashtra at Mumbai and Nasik have been computerized in the annual plan 2002-2003.

V. Expansion of Postal Network : It is proposed to open 1000 Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices, 100 Departmental Sub Post offices and 5000 Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Kendras in the country, during the Tenth Five Year Plan including Maharashtra. However, circle wise targets are fixed only at the beginning of the financial year, and hence this process is currently under way. For the year 2002-2003, Maharashtra circle was allocated targets for opening 30 Extra Departmental Branch Post offices, 8 Departmental Sub Post offices, and 150 Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Kendras and the circle has fully achieved these targets.

VI. Business Development : Rs. 4 lakh have been allocated for the computerization of booking/delivery offices for Speed Post.