

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b). Sir, 259 Public Call Offices have been approved for installation in Rohini exchange during 1991-92. Rohini exchange serves Rohini and West Enclave, Pitampura also. Of these, 143 PCOs have been installed so far.

(c) The remaining 116 PCOs which are pending due to technical reasons are likely to be installed by 30th June 1992 progressively.

[*Translation*]

#### **Conversion of Telephone Exchanges Into Electronics in Madhya Pradesh**

6180. SHRI ARVIND NETAM. Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephone exchanges functioning at present in Raipur district of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether all the telephone exchanges have been converted into electronic exchanges; and

(c) if not, the time by which the remaining exchanges are likely to be converted into electronic exchanges?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) As on 31.3.1992 there are 60 Telephone Exchanges functioning in Raipur District.

(b) and (c). No, Sir. Out of a total of 60 Telephone Exchanges, 24 are non-electronic exchanges. An exchange is normally replaced when it becomes life expired. In addition, in the draft 8th Plan proposals of Department of Telecom, it is proposed to replace all manual exchanges by March,

1994 and replace small size electromechanical exchanges (MAX-III and line finder type MAX-II) by electronic exchanges by end of 8th Plan. Conversion to electronic exchanges will, therefore, occur progressively.

[*English*]

#### **Electronic Exchanges in Andhra Pradesh**

6181. PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to provide electronic exchanges in Andhra Pradesh,

(b) if so, the district-wise details and locations thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) (i) All manual and small electromechanical exchanges in all Districts are planned to be replaced by electronic exchanges progressively subject to the technical feasibility and availability of resources during 8th five year plan.

(ii) Other electro-mechanical exchanges are also planned to be replaced by electronic exchanges progressively on expiry of their useful life.

#### **Thermal Power Project in Tamil Nadu**

6182. SHRI C. SREENIVAASAN:  
SHRI R. DHANUSHKODI  
ATHITHAN:  
DR. V. RAJESWARAN:

Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up thermal power plants in Tamil Nadu during 1992-93;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any foreign companies have come forward to invest and execute the thermal power projects in the State; and

(d) if so, the decision taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Neyveli 2nd mine cut stage-II Unit-6 (210MW) is expected to be commissioned by the Neyveli Lignite Corporation in Tamil Nadu during 1992-93.

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. No decision has been taken by the Government so far.

### Radio Stations in Gujarat

6183. SHRI HARISINH CHAVDA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of radio stations in Gujarat at present along with their location and capacity;

(b) the places in Gujarat where T.V. Transmitters have been installed during 1991-92; and

(c) by when the low power transmitters are likely to be converted into high power transmitters in the State?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS):

(a) Details regarding the existing six radio stations in the State of Gujarat are as follows:-

	<i>Location</i>		<i>Capacity</i>
1.	Ahmedabad	- (i)	200 KW MW Transmitter
		(ii)	1 KW MW Transmitter (Vividh Bharati Commercial)
2.	Baroda	-	1 KW MW Transmitter (Vividh Bharati Commercial)
3.	Bhuj	-	10 KW MW Transmitter
4.	Godhra (Local Radio Station)	-	6 KW FM Transmitter
5.	Rajkot	- (i)	300 KW MW Transmitter
		(ii)	1 KW MW Transmitter (Vividh Bharati Commercial)
		(iii)	1000 KW MW Transmitter (External Services)
6.	Surat (Local Radio Station)	-	6 KW FM Transmitter