SI. No.	Name of the District	No. of post offices opened
1	2	3
18.	Sikar	1
19.	Sriganganagar	23
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Power Generation in Tribal Dominated and Hilly Areas

4070. SHRI SIMON MARANDI: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVEN-TIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are laying sp.xcial emphasis on power generation in *.#.al.dominated and hilly areas (Jharkahand region) of Bihar, that could be increasing the #power generation according to requirement; and

(b) if so, the year-wise details of the action taken so far since 1989 with regard to the development of thermal power stations and development of other non-conventional energy Sources?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CON-VENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) The power supply to various areas in State of Bihar falls under the distribution system of the State and is the prerogative of State Government/SEB. State is provided its due share from Eastern Region as sell as assistance from Northern Region as a special case. Various other measures being taken to increase the availability of power in Bihar include maximising generation from existing generating stations, implementation of Renovation and Modernisation Programme, reduction in Transmission and Distribution losses, effective load management and energy conservation etc.

(b) DVC has set up two thermal power stations in Bihar since 1989. DVC Maithon Gas Turbine of 9-0 MW capacity was commissioned in March, 1989 and Bokaro B unit 2 of 210 MW was commissioned in November, 1990.

[English]

U.K. Refuse to Finance Rihand II Power Project

4071. SHRI MOHAN SINGH: SHRI SRIKANTA JENA: SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN: SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: SHRI NITISH KUMAR: SHRI PIUS TIRKEY:

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

(a) whether the Government are aware that U.K. Government's decision to go back on its commitment to finance Rihand II Power Project has put it in jeopardy; and

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(b) if so, the facts in details and the reaction of the government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CON-VENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) The Government of U.K. have not gone back on their offer till date for financing the Rihand II Power Project.

(b) Does not arise.

[Translation]

One Way STD in Ahmad Nagar

4072. SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL: SHRI SHANKARRAO KALE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether only one way STD service is available in various places of Ahmadnagar district, Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the name of the places where full STD service is likely to be made available?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b). No Sir, Bothway and one way STD is available in various places of Ahmednagar District. Details are given in the statement attached.

(c) All the 6 stations where one way STD facility is available at the moment (please see annexure) will be provided with both way STD during 1992-93. In addition, NEWASA, ShIRDI & SHRI GONDA in Ahmednagar district of Maharashtra are proposed to be provided with S.T.D. services during the year 1992-93.

STATEMENT

Places where bothway STD is awailable:

- 1. AHMEDNAGAR AND AHMEDNAGAR MIDC;
- 2. PRAVARANAGAR;
- 3. SHRIRAMPUR;
- 4. KOPARGAON;
- 5. RAHURI;
- 6. SANGAMNER.

Places where one way STD is available:

- 1. BELAPUR TOWN;
- 2. HASNAPUR;
- 3. HINGANGAON;
- 4. VAMBORI;
- 5. TAKLI BHAN;
- 6. MIRAJGAON.

[English]

Rental Charges by Delhi Telephones

4073. DR. RAVI MALLU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rental charges by Delhi Telephones is much higher than in Norway, UK, USA, Malaysia, Thailand and China;

(b) the comparative telephone rental charges in the said countries separately; and