

*[Translation]***Rail Link with Mewat**

3094. CHAUDHARY RAMCHANDRA BENDA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the Prime Minister has given an assurance to connect Mewat with rail;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which such link is likely to be provided?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

*[English]***Posting in J & K**

3095. SHRI P. NAMGYAL : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Central Government employees under the Ministry have a tenure posting of only one year in Ladakh division of Jammu and Kashmir and some North Eastern States of the country;
- (b) whether newly recruited employees having no experience are being posted to man the vacant posts and to handle sophisticated equipment causing damage to the costly machines;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the tenure of one year posting in the places mentioned above is likely to be extended to two years; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. Recruitment is made strictly on the basis of the recruitment Rules. Persons having requisite qualification/experience are appointed against the vacancies at different Stations including Ladakh Division of the state of Jammu and Kashmir and North Eastern States of the country.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e) No, Sir. The present tenure at difficult stations in considered appropriate.

ISD Plan for Hassan

3096. SHRI K.S. RAYADU :
SHRI ANANTH KUMAR :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "PMO Pushes Rs. 10 crore ISD Plan for Hassan" appearing in the 'Indian Express' dated January 28, 1997;
- (b) if so, the details and facts in this regard;
- (c) whether 20 UHF sets are being installed in Hassan district, Karnataka;
- (d) the number and names of the districts having UHF sets in Karnataka;
- (e) whether UHF sets are being installed in Hassan district, Karnataka;
- (f) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (g) whether the SDEs have been deputed from other districts of the State to expedite the work in Hassan district;
- (h) whether MARR System is being installed in Hassan; and
- (i) if so, the number and names of the districts having MARR system in Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is planned to provide STD on reliable media using a combination of Optical Fibre Cable, UHF and Satellite Systems. 13 stations are being covered on Optical Fibre Cable and 4 on Radio System. In addition, it is proposed to provide Satellite communications equipment at 2 locations.

(c) 182 UHF sets have been planned for all the districts in Karnataka State. Out of this 11 will be in Hassan. Action is in hand to commission 4 sets on priority in Hassan.

(d) Total 199 UHF sets are working in 19 districts of Karnataka. District-wise details are given in the enclosed Statement-I.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) In view of reply to (e), question does not arise.

(g) The installation work is generally handled by specialised units who are competent to carry out such works involving high technical expertise. Such units work for the state as a whole and are deputed routinely all over the state

based upon the requirements. Similar units are carrying out work in Hassan District also.

(h) Yes, Sir.

(i) District-wise details are given in the enclosed Statement-II.

Statement - I

Details of UHF sets working in Karnataka

1. Bangalore	16
2. Belgaum	12
3. Bellary	2
4. Bidar	3
5. Bijapur	12
6. Chickmangloor	7
7. D. Kannada	18
8. Devangere	5
9. Gulbarga	12
10. Hassan	12
11. Hubli	19
12. Karwar	18
13. Kolar	8
14. Madikeri	7
15. Mandya	9
16. Mysore	10
17. Raichur	4
18. Shimoga	13
19. Tumkur	12
Total	199

Statement - II

Details of MARR sets working in Karnataka

Bangalore	23
Mysore	22
Dharwad	28
Belgaum	19
D. Kannada	4

6. Kodagu	
7. Bijapur	27
8. Raichur	36
9. Bellary	23
10. Bidar	14
11. Gulbarga	36
12. U. Kannada	31
13. Shimoga	26
14. Mandya	14
15. Tumkur	19
16. Chickmaglur	17
17. Davangere	13
18. Hassan	18
19. Kolar	22
Total	392

[Translation]

Villages without Post Offices in Madhya Pradesh

3097. SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH :
SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of villages without Post Offices in Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh as on December 31, 1996; District-wise;

(b) the number of villages in the above States having postal facilities; District-wise, Category-wise; and

(c) the details of Post offices proposed to be set-up in future District-wise, Category-wise?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) The number of villages without post offices in Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh as on December 31, 1996. District-wise, are given in the enclosed Statement-I.

(b) The number of villages in the above states having postal facilities District-wise are given in the enclosed Statement-II. •

(c) Post offices are opened progressively under Annual Plans, subject to norm based justification and availability of resources.