

Uttar Pradesh where telephone facility has been provided so far;

(b) the target fixed for the same during the year 1997-98;

(c) whether the tempo of providing telephones facility has been slow during the last year;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the action proposed to be taken by the Government to provide telephone facility speedily?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Telephone facility has been provided in 345 villages of Maharajganj District of U.P. as on 31.7.1997.

(b) The target for providing telephone facility for Maharajganj District for the 1997-98 is 315.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

(e) The action proposed to be taken to provide telephone facility speedily is given in the attached Statement.

Statement

Action Proposed to be taken to provide Telephone facility speedily

It has been decided to lay underground cable in rural areas, use A,B,C,D posts in addition to Masts for antennas.

More and more exchanges are being planned to be opened in rural areas, as per the policy of the Department i.e. an exchange is planned at a place when the Registered Demand reaches 10 or more.

[Translation]

Gauge Conversion

2529. SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULESTE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any scheme to convert narrow/ metre gauge lines into broad gauge;

(b) if so, the names of such lines which comes under this scheme; Zone/State-wise;

(c) whether Jabalpur-Nainpur-Gondia line in Madhya Pradesh has also been included in this scheme; and

(d) if so, the time by which the conversion on above line is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Statement is attached.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The preliminary work has already been started.

Statement

DETAILS OF GAUGE CONVERSION ONGOING PROJECTS

(Rs. in Crores)

Project	Year of approval	Kms.	Cost	Exp. upto 31.3.97	Outlay 97-98	Throw forward on 1.4.98	TDC
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
ANDHRA PRADESH							
Mudkhed-Adilabad	1984-85	162	110	5	37	69	9/98
Guntur-Guntakal and Guntakal-Gooty-Kalluru	1992-93	458	452	359	35	58	12/98
Katpadi-Pakala-Tirupati	1992-93	104	72	6	15	51	10/98
Secunderabad-Dronachellam and Secunderabad-Bolarum	1992-93	331	283	178	53	52	3/98
Solapur-Gadag	1993-94	300	208	78	31	99	3/98 for Hotgi-Bijapur

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Secunderabad Mudkhed and Janakampet-Bodhan	1997-98		283	nil	0.01	282.99	Not yet fixed.
Naupada-Gunupur	1997-98		47	nil	0.01	46.99	Not yet fixed
ASSAM & NE STATES							
Lumding-Dibrugarh including link branches linked branches	1993-94	628	552	387	165	nil	Main line completed 31.3.98 for
Lumding-Silchar	1996-97	198	648	6	34	608	Not yet fixed
New Jalpaiguri- Siliguri-New Bongaigon	1997-98		380	nil	20	360	Not yet fixed
BIHAR							
Narkatiaganj- Valmikinagar	1994-95	50	36	8	25	3	Dec'98
Hajipur-Bachwara	1996-97	71	54	10	40	4	10/97
Mansi-Saharsa	1996-97	155	210	8	8	194	12/98
Ranchi-Lohardaga with extension to Tori	1996-97	113	147	nil	10	136	Not yet fixed
Jayanagar- Darbhanga-Narkatiaganj	1997-98	260	233	nil	0.01	232.99	Not yet fixed
Samastipur- Khagaria	1997-98	86	70	nil	0.01	69.99	Not yet fixed
GUJARAT							
Bhildi-Viramgam	1991-92	157	155	nil	2	153	12/98 for Viramgam- Mehsana Rest of the work is frozen.
Rajkot-Veraval	1994-95	155	100	5.50	13	81.50	12/99
Gandhidham-Bhuj	1995-96	58	42	13	2	27	12/99
Wankaner-Malia Miyana	1995-96	90	79	nil	1	78	Not yet fixed
Surendernagar- Bhavnagar, Dhola- Dhasa-Mahuva with extension to Pipavav	1996-97	385	337	0.01	0.01	336.98	Not yet fixed
KARNATAKA							
Arsikere-Hassan- Mangalore	1994-95	236	185	64	24	97	12/98

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Mysore-Hassan	1995-96	119	116	35	69	12	3/98
Mysore-Chamarajanagar with extension to Mettupalayam	1997-98	210	175	nil	0.01	174.99	Not yet fixed
KERALA							
Quilon-Tirunelveli-Trichendur and Tenkasi-Virdhunagar	1997-98		280	nil	0.01	279.99	Not yet fixed
MADHYA PRADESH							
Neemuch-Ratlam	1993-94	135	116	2	1	113	12/2000
Jabalpur-Gondia including Balaghat-Katangi	1996-97	285	356	0.01	1	354.99	Not yet fixed
MAHARASHTRA							
Gondia-Chandafort	1992-93	242	215	127	55	23	3/98
Miraj-Latur	1993-94	359	310	24	20	266	Not yet fixed
ORISSA							
Rupsa-Bangariposi	1996-97	89	58	1	3	54	Not yet fixed
RAJASTHAN							
Viramgam-Jodhpur, Bhildi-Samdari-Luni	1990-91	416	185	0.11	0.0001	185	Not yet fixed
Luni-Marwar	1995-96	72	45.5	4.5	30	11	12/97
Luni-Jodhpur	1995-96	28	32	4	15	13	12/97
Ajmer-Udaipur-Chittaurgarh	1996-97	300	262	01	5	256.99	Not yet fixed.
Luni-Barmer-Muna bao	1997-98	300	240	nil	0.01	239.99	Not yet fixed
TAMIL NADU							
Dindigul-Trichy	1992-93	93	80	11	17.5	51.5	12/98
Madras Beach-Tiruchchirappalli	1992-93	340	300	142	139	9	3/98
Tiruchchirappalli-Nagore-Karaikal	1995-96	200	139	63	10	66	12/99
Villupuram-Pondicherry	1997-98	38	30	nil	0.01	29.99	Not yet fixed
UTTAR PRADESH							
Mathura-Achnera	1995-96	35	20	0.10	0.001	20	Not yet fixed
Khadda-Gorakhpur	1995-96	86	67	8	5	54	12/99
Kashipur-Lalkuan	1996-97	60	45	1	3	41	12/99
Kanpur-Kasganj-Mathura & Kasganj-Bareilly	1997-98	458	395	nil	0.01	394.99	Not yet fixed