

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

(b) to (d). An inquiry has been ordered. The report of the inquiry is awaited.

Multi Access Rural Radio System

3045. DR. RAM LAKHAN SINGH :
SHRI ASHOK ARGAL :

will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of village Panchayats provided with PCO services by the M.A.R.R. system in Madhya Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) the amount spent thereon, year-wise;

(c) whether due to lack of maintenance, majority of telephones are lying dead in Bhind and Morena; and

(d) If so, the steps taken by the Government to make them perfect?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) The number of village Panchayats provided with PCOs by MARR systems are 4798 in 1993-94, 3050 in 1994-95 and 918 in 1995-96.

(b) The amount spent for the three years, year-wise is Rs. 5997.5 lakhs in 1993-94, Rs. 3812.5 lakhs in 1994-95 and Rs. 1147.0 lakhs in 1995-96.

(c) Only few telephones are faulty.

(d) The efforts to attend the faults have been increased. Guidelines/Instructions have been issued to the field units to increase the efforts to repair the faults. Procedure for health check and testing of MARR systems has been prescribed.

[English]

Telephone Exchanges in Kerala

3046. SHRI G M BANATWALLA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the names of telephone exchanges under expansion/modernisation in Malappuram district of Kerala;

(b) the details of expansion, additional capacity envisaged, estimated cost, actual capacity addition estimated and the financial allocation made in the current financial year; and

(c) the time by when the work commenced and the time by which it is expected to be concluded?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) As given in the Statement-I.

(b) As given in the Statement-II

(c) The work commenced in April, 1996 and is likely to be concluded by March 1997.

STATEMENT-I

Names of Telephone Exchanges under expansion/modernisation in Malappuram district of Kerala

Sl.No.	Name of Exchange
1.	Nanjeri
2.	Kottakkal
3.	Malappuram
4.	Tirur
5.	Parappanangadi
6.	Tirurangadi
7.	Perinthalmanna
8.	Kondotty
9.	Chelari
10.	Tanur
11.	Marancherry
12.	Makaraparamba
13.	Mankada
14.	Edapal
15.	Changaramkulam
16.	Melattur
17.	Kadampuzha
18.	Dulamanthole
19.	Ponnani
20.	Thavannur

STATEMENT-II

Details of expansion/additional capacity envisaged/estimated cost etc. for Malappuram district for the year 1996-97

(i) Total additional capacity Proposed to be installed	(Gross Lines=3238 Lines)
(ii) Total actual additional capacity likely to be added	(Net Lines=20868 Lines)
(iii) Total estimated cost	= Rs. 51.72 crores
(iv) Financial allocation made in the current financial year	= Rs. 474 crores for Kerala Circle. N separate allocation of funds is received exclusively for Malappuram district