

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		Sheohar	5	1	-	700	500	210
15.	Patna	Patna	12	-	25000	12500	10000	300
		Nalanda	17	1	-	500	400	300
16.	Ranchi	Ranchi	15	1	-	2360	2000	240
		Gumla	6	1	-	500	400	180
		Lohardaga	5	1	-	375	300	180
17.	Saharsa	Saharsa	17	1	2000	625	400	300
		Supaul	10	1	-	250	200	150
		Madhepura	8	1	-	250	200	150
18.	Sasaram	Rohtas	8	1	-	500	400	300
		Bhabhua	9	-	-	200	300	120
Total			500	46	105400	175000	160000	12000

Status as on 31.7.1997 for (b), (c) & (d).

(b) Yes Sir, not all works targetted for 1997-98 have been completed yet. These will be completed during the period August, 97 to March, 1998. Where most of the materials are expected to be supplied.

(c) Achievements from April, 1997-July, 1997 are indicated below :

- (i) 35 C-128P exchanges and 4 MILT 64P upgraded to C-256P.
- (ii) Net Switching capacity addition ... 2156 L
- (iii) Net DEL(s) provided ... 7301 L
- (iv) VPT(s) provided ... 180  
(Village Public Telephone)

(d) During the first half of the year progress is comparatively slow because of slow supply of logistics and also due to unfavourable weather condition throughout Bihar.

[English]

#### Losses and Profits Earned by Railways

3653. DR. Y.S. RAJASEKHARA REDDY : Will the Minister RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the losses suffered/profits earned by South Central Railway and other Railways during the last three years, zone-wise;

(b) the achievements made by the South Central Zone

in respect of renewal of tracks and other development works during 1996-97;

(c) the details of the development works to be executed by the South Central zone in 1997-98; and

(d) the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) The losses suffered/profits earned by South Central & other Zonal Railway during the last three years are as under:-

Railways	Excess(+) Shortfall(-) (Fig. in crores of Rs.)		
	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
South Central	+175	+310	+331
Central	+593	+546	+455
Eastern	+100	+9	(-)34
Northern	+396	+552	+509
North Eastern	(-)420	(-)389	(-)459
N.F.	(-)213	(-)159	(-)376
Southern	(-)209	(-)178	(-)214
S.E.	(-)1282	+1398	+1305
Western	+1079	+1155	+1022

(b) The South Central Railway has carried out 213 km. (CTR Units) of track renewals during 1996-97.

During 1996-97, the following gauge conversions have been completed on South Central Railway :

(i) Nandyal-Guntakal section (136 kms.)

Completing conversion of entire route from Guntur to Guntakal.

(ii) Castlerock-Vasco section (85 kms.)

Completing conversion of entire route from Hospet Hubli-Goa.

(c) and (d) The details are as under:

(Rs. in crores)

Name of Project		kms.	Cost	Outlay 1997-98	Current Status
1	2	3	4	5	6
<i>New Lines</i>					
1.	Peddapali-Karimnagar-Nizamabad	177	193.12	5.00	Work is in progress on phase-I of the project between Peddapali and Karimnagar. The target date for completion is December, 1999. The second phase work between Karimnagar and Nizamabad will be taken up after completing the first phase and land becomes available.
2.	Nandyal-Yerraguntla	126	155.77	5.00	Final Location Survey and preparation of land acquisition plans and papers have been taken up. Work would be started once land becomes available.
3.	Kakinada-Kotipalli-Restoration of line	45	44	0.01	Work will be taken up after necessary clearances have been obtained and the State Government hands over the land (free of cost) in lieu of the land released by the dismantled line, which has since been heavily built up.
4.	Hubli-Ankola	164	480	1.00	Final Location Survey and preparation of plans and papers for land acquisition are in progress. Work will be taken up after land becomes available.
5.	Munirabad-Mehboobnagar	222	380	0.01	Preliminary works like Final Location Survey and preparation of plans and papers for land acquisition for the new line project, which has been cleared by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs recently, have been taken up.
6.	Macherla-Nalgonda as the first phase	34	48	0.01	Included in Supplementary Budget, 1997-98. of Raichur-Macherla-Nalgonda new line Work to be taken up after requisite, clearances have been obtained.
7.	Gulbarga-Bidar	116	242	0.01	Included in Supplementary budget, 1997-98. Work to be taken up after requisite clearances have been obtained.
<i>Gauge Conversion</i>					
1.	Bolarum-Secunderabad Dronachellam	331	283.43	53.00	Bolarum-Mahbubnagar section completed and opened to traffic. Work on remaining section from Mahbubnagar to Dronachellam section in progress and is targetted for completion by March, 1998.
2.	Guntur-Guntekal Kalluru	458	453.32	35.00	Guntur-Guntakal completed and commissioned to traffic. Guntakal-Kalluru section targetted for completion by 31.12.98.

1	2	3	4	5	6
3.	Katpadi-Pakala-Tirupati	104	72	15.00	Work in progress and is targetted for completion by 31.10.98.
4.	Mudkhad-Adilabad	162	110.95	36.83	Work being executed under Build-Own-Lease Transfer (BOLT) Scheme and is targetted for completion by December, 1998.
5.	Solapur (Hotgi) Gadag	300	208	31.10	The work is in progress and Hotgi-Bijapur section is targetted for completion by December, 1997. Rest of the section targetted for completion by March, 1998.
6.	Secunderabad-Mudkhed Jankampet-Bodhan	269	283.52	0.01	Work to be taken up after requisite clearances have been obtained.
7.	Dharmavaram-Pakala	227	200	0.01	Included in Supplementary Budget, 1997-98. Work to be taken up after requisite clearances have been obtained.
<i>Doubling</i>					
1.	Vijayawada-Krishna Canal (3rd line)	5	23.52	1.00	Detailed estimate under preparation. Work is targetted for completion by December, 1999.
2.	Vikarabad-Tandur	41.41	71.83	2.0	Tandur-Rukhmapur section commissioned for traffic. Work in progress on Rukhmapur-Vikarabad section. The entire work is targetted for completion in 1998-99
3.	Hospet-Guntakal	115	105.77	42.00 (under BOLT 0.01 under capital Fund)	Work to be executed under Build-own-Lease Transfer (BOLT) Scheme. BOLT bid documents are under preparation.
4.	Gudur-Renigunta	83	139.69	0.01	Project has recently been cleared by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs. Preliminary works like preparation of detailed estimate and tender papers are in progress.

*[Translation]***Privatisation of Basic Telephone Services**

3654. SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the contract for telephone services in Indore has been awarded to Bharti Telecom, Company;

(b) if so, the steps being taken by his Ministry to make Indore telephones capable to stand in competition against the privatisation;

(c) whether Indore District Telecommunications has submitted any scheme in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) The Licence has been awarded to M/S Bharti Telenet Ltd. For providing Basic Telephone Service in Madhya Pradesh Telecom Circle including Indore telecom. District.

(b) Steps are being taken for modernisation and expansion of Indore Telephone Network.

(c) and (d) Indore Telephones has submitted a proposal for replacement of Electro-mechanical exchanges, provision of adequate equipment for telephone exchanges and access network, enhancement of transmission media, provision of adequate number of small C-DOT exchanges and digital MARR systems, computerisation of various services, introduction of Wireless in Local Loop Technology and improvement in Human Resource Development Policy.