S.No.	Name of State	No. of auto- digital exchs. as on 31.10.1997	No. of Villages proposed to be connected with telephones	No. of exchanges proposed to be set up during 9th five year plar
1	2	3	4	5
1.	A.P.	1944	7688	150
2.	Assam	285	13224	300
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	65	3092	70
4.	Bihar	827	62919	-
5.	Gujarat	1386	4202	150
6.	Goa	72	82	-
7.	Haryana	758	303	20
8.	Himachal Pradesh	588	11922	200
9.	J & K	230	4300	141
10.	Karnataka	2065	9630	6
11.	Kerala	783	NIL	NIL
12.	M.P.	3067	36159	250
13,	Maharashtra	2718	14205	-
14.	Manipur	30	1935	24
15.	Meghalaya	42	4967	25
16.	Mizoram	36	220	25
17.	Nagaland	34	701	25
18.	Orissa	741	30807	200
19.	Punjab	903	1302	-
20.	Rajasthan	1500	20716	100
21.	Sikkim'WB)	20		8
2 2 .	Tamil Nadu	1433	2743	89
23.	Tripura	48	395	25
24.	Uttar Pradesh	1801	26666	1819
25.	West Bengal	726	17661	136
26.	Delhi	126		-
	Total	22228	275839	3763

Construction of Kanhar Bridge

682. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount sought from Central Road Fund for

the construction of Kanhar bridge (Sonbhadra district) and the details thereof; and

(b) the time by which final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T. G. VENKATARAMAN): (a) No such proposal has been received.

(b) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Recruitment in Army

683. SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to launch a special drive to recruit youths in Army;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of drives launched to recruit youths in Army during the last three years till date, State-wise; and (d) the details of places where recruitment drive is likely to be started during the current financial year, Statewise?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MULAYAM SINGH YADAV): (a) to (d) Periodical recruitment drives are organised in various parts of the country for rectruiting eligible youths in the Army. (statement is atteched) In order to attract the youths for joining the Army. Large scale publicity is given in coordination with state administration for familiarising the youth with the criteria and procedure laid down in this regard. Certain State Government are organising precoaching classes for preparing prospective candidates for joining the Army. Educational dispensation has been granted to certain backward, under developed and areas affected due to insurgency disturbed conditions. Door step recruitment is being carried out in insurgency affected areas by organising recruitment tours and rallies close to the areas of prospective candidates.

State wise details of drives launched to recruit youths in army during the last three years

	SI.No. ZRO/States	Year	Place	From	То
	1 2	3	4	5	6
-	1. Ambala	1994-95	-	•	-
	(Haryana)				
		1995-96	Narnaul	01 Jun 95	03 Jun 95
			Hissar	14 Dec 95	18 Dec 95
		1996-97	Rewari	03 Sep 96	04 Sep 96
2.	Ajmer	1994-95	Jaipur	06 Nov 94	07 Nov 94
	(Rajasthan)				
		1995-96	Kota	01 Nov 95	07 Nov 95
			Jhunjhunu	27 Mar 96	31 Mar 96
		1996-97	-	-	-
3.	Bangalore	1994-95	Bambolim	20 Oct 94	22 Oct 94
			Madgaon & Ponda (Go	ba)	
		1995-96	Chitradurga	11 Dec 95	16 Dec 95
		1996-97	Karwar	28 Oct 96	31 Oct 96
4.	Calcutta(WB)	1994-95	-	•	-
		1995-96	Bhawanipatna	Oct 95	-
		1996-97	Taki Road	05 Jun 96	08 Jun 96
			(24 Parganas)		
			Phulbani	20 Aug 96	24 Aug 96
5.	Jabalpur (MP)	1994-95	-	-	
		1995- 96	Gwalior	01 Feb 95	04 Feb 95
		' 2	Mhow	01 Feb 96	04 Feb 96
		1996-97	Bhopal	29 Jan 97	01 Feb 97