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III. Emerging Value Added Services
(Experimental/Development stage by
the end of 9th Plan).

- (vi) Global Mobile Satellite Services
- (vii) Mobile Satellite Phone through INSAT-2C
- (viii) Services using IN Planform
- (ix) Services using ISDN Planform
- (x) Personal Communication Service
- (xi) Tele-medicine/Health Information Services
- (xii) Distance Education Service
- (i) Multi-media Data Bases
- (ii) Video on Demand
- (iii) Electronic and on-line Magazine
and Newspapers
- (iv) Video Games/Virtual Reality
- (v) Home Shopping/Video Shopping.

**Setting up of Railway Coach Factory in
Andhra Pradesh**

5257. SHRI AJMEERA CHANDULAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a proposal to set up a Railway Coach Factory in Warangal, Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) At the time of setting up of a second coach manufacturing unit, several States suggested sites for locating the proposed unit. Warangal was one of the locations suggested. Taking all factors into consideration, Kapurthala in the State of Punjab was the site ultimately selected for the coach factory.

Comprehensive Plan for Development

5258. SHRI RAJABHAU THAKRE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have drawn up a comprehensive plan of action development/upgradation/modernisation of postal services in each district of

Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details of investments made in this regard during the last five years and major achievements reported in terms of targets set in each district of Vidarbha region in Maharashtra;

(c) the details of investments likely to be made during 1997-98 in Maharashtra for urban and rural areas separately and district-wise investment proposed on postal communication projects in Vidarbha region; and

(d) the major on-going/new projects for upgradation of post communication in urban areas of Maharashtra and present status thereof in terms of targets set?

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

(b) The details of investments made in this regard during the last five years and major achievements in Maharashtra Circle including the district of Vidarbha Region are given in statement attached.

(c) The financial outlay for the Annual Plan 1997-98 is yet to be approved.

(d) So far as target for expansion of Postal Network is concerned it is proposed to open 3 Departmental Sub Post Offices and 35 Extra-Departmental Branch Post Offices in Maharashtra subject to availability of resources and norm based justification. As for other projects these are still under formulation.