

5318 posts of Gr. 'C' were created in the year 1991-92. Thus, the increased strength in 91-92 as compared to 90-91 is 5318. There has been no increase in staff strength after 91-92 in respect of Gr. 'C' & 'D' cadres and there has been total increase of 39 posts in Gr. 'B' in 94-95.

(b)Year	Postal Revenue in Rs.	Cost of Establishment in Rupees		
		Gross Expenditure	Recoveries	Net Expenditure
1991-92	9478692	15067497	3445943	11621554
1992-93	10738962	16491822	4834677	11657145
1993-94	11051712	18665570	5545320	13120250
1994-95	11704136	21300215	6084788	15215427

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) A review of the establishment is conducted by the Department on year to year basis. However, it is a fact that in view of the ban on creation of post imposed by the Govt. of India, it is not possible to create posts. But the Department in 1991-92 had created a large number of operationally essential posts for smooth running of the delivery system. The Department has again taken up a consolidated proposal in 1996-97 for creation of justified posts of Postmen and Sorting Postmen. However, a final decision on creation of these proposed posts of Postmen rests with the Govt. of India. Besides, this, in order to ensure smooth running of the delivery system, the Department has delegated powers to redeploy surplus posts of Group 'C' & 'D' to the Heads of Circles. By this delegated powers they can deploy the surplus posts of Group 'C' & 'D' staff after conducting a review to units where there is a shortage and justification for these posts.

(e) The present strength of postal employees is being optimally utilised. Further work is also being done on OTA, honorarium and by payment of incentive to ensure that there is no dilution in the quality of Postal services.

(f) Same as indicated against (d) above.

[Translation]

#### Telephone Connections in Outer Delhi

2930. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications for telephone connections received from the outer Delhi during the last two years, the number of applicants to whom telephone connections have since been provided out of them;

(b) the number of persons enrolled in the waiting list upto January, 1997 and time by which the telephone connections are likely to be provide them;

(c) whether it is a fact that the process of allotting telephone connections in outer Delhi is very slow and unsatisfactory;

(d) whether the Government have formulated any comprehensive policy to provide telephone connections to the maximum applicants; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) 45701 applications were received for telephone connections from outer Delhi area during the last two years.

33471 telephone connections have since been provided out of them.

(b) 7488 applicants were on waiting list as on 31.1.97. Most of the applicants on the waiting list as on 31.1.97, except those in Badli and Tuglakabad areas, are likely to be provided telephone connection by July 1997 except a few technically non-feasible connections.

(c) to (e) All the waiting applicants are being provided with telephone connections turn by turn without any distinction amongst the applicants from inner Delhi or outer Delhi.

It is proposed to improve the provision of telephone connections during the Ninth Five Year Plan beginning with 1997-98.

[English]

#### Criteria to Upgrade Telecom System

2931. SHRI K. S. RAYADU : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the criteria followed in upgrading the telecom system in the country; and

(b) the reasons for choosing Hassan for this purpose on a priority basis?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Upgradation with expansion of telephones system is based on demand for telephone connections and waiting list. Upgradation is also done for obsolescence of existing technology and life expiry of existing system.

(b) The above criteria is applicable for all the places in the country including Hassan.