

- (ii) Treatment of theme;
- (iii) Overall competence of the technical crew, and
- (iv) Relevance to Doordarshan's programme requirements.

(d) and (e) Such complaints are received at various kendras and the Directorate General, Doordarshan from time to time. Complaints of a serious nature indicating gross procedural irregularities are enquired into departmentally and the matter referred to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) whenever warranted. Out of 7 such complaints, which were enquired either departmentally or through CBI, no irregularity could be established in 4 cases. In 2 cases, prosecution proceedings have been launched against the officers concerned. One case is still under investigation.

(f) and (g) Doordarshan has already set up a new selection committee to select slots and serials under the Chairmanship of Director General, Doordarshan which consists of :

- (i) Deputy Director General (DD-1)
 - (ii) Deputy Director General (DD-2)
 - (iii) Deputy Director General (DD-3)
 - (iv) Deputy Director General (DD-International)
 - (v) Controller of Programme concerned.
- (h) No, Sir.
- (i) Does not arise.

Proposal for Laying Down New Railway Lines

*367. PROF. OMPAL SINGH 'NIDAR' : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether proposals for laying new railway lines from State Governments have been received by the Government of India;

(b) whether the Government of Uttar Pradesh has also submitted any proposal to the Union Government for laying new railway lines in the States;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon; and

(d) the details of railway lines being laid in the State at present?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A proposal has been received from the Governor of Uttar Pradesh for providing a rail link from Tugalakabad to Marpat via NOIDA Greater NOIDA.

(c) A survey for the proposed line has been ordered. Further consideration of the project would be possible once the survey report becomes available.

(d) The information is given as under :—

Projects

New Line

Katra-Faizabad

Gauge Conversion

Mau-Shahganj

Chappra-Aunrihar

Mathura-Achnera

Khadda-Gorakhpur

Kashipur-Lalkuan

Kanpur-Kasganj-Mathura and Kasganj-Bareilly

Doubling

Tundla-Yamuna Bridge

Kanpur-Panki 3rd line

Muradnagar-Meerut

Ghaziabad-Moradabad patch doubling

Gonda-Jarwal Road

Gorakhpur-Sahajanva

[Translation]

Doordarshan Kendras/Studios

*368. SHRI TARACHAND BHAGORA :
SHRI PARASRAM MEGHWAL :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the number of HPTs, LPTs and VLPTs in the country, at present with particular reference to Rajasthan;

(b) whether the Government propose to set up new Doordarshan kendras/studios in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise alongwith the locations thereof;

(d) whether the Government also propose to link all Panchayat headquarters in the country particularly in Rajasthan with Doordarshan relay centres, and

(e) if so, the time by which all these projects are likely to be set up and implemented?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) 87 HPTs, 579 LPTs, 158 VLPTs and 20 Transposers, including 2 HPTs, 55 LPTs, 12 VLPTs and 2 Transposers in the State of Rajasthan, are presently in operation in the country.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Details are given in the enclosed statement.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Statement

State-wise Details of Doordarshan Kendra/Studio Projects Presently under Implementation/Envisaged to be set up in the Country

State	Under Implementation	Envisaged to be set up
Andhra Pradesh	Vijaywada Warangal	Vizag
Bihar	Ranchi (AUG.)	-
Gujarat	Rajkot (AUG.)	Junagarh
Haryana	-	Hissar
Kerala	Trichur	Calicut
Madhya Pradesh	Gwalior Jagdalpur Indore	-
Maharashtra	Bombay (EXP.) Nagpur (AUG.) Pune	-
Orissa	Bhawanipatna Sambalpur (PMT.)	-
Punjab	Patiala	-
Rajasthan	Udaipur	-
Sikkim	Gangtok	-
Tamil Nadu	Coimbatore	Madurai Salem
Uttar Pradesh	Mau Allahabad Mathura Varanasi	-
West Bengal	Jalpaiguri Shantiniketan (PMT.)	-
Chandigarh	Chandigarh	-
Delhi	Delhi (AUG.) Parliament (PMT.)	-

Note : No such projects are presently under implementation/ envisaged to be set up in other States/Union Territories.

Legend : AUG. - Augmentation
EXP. - Expansion
PMT. - Permanent Set-up

Waiting List for Telephones

*369. SHRI NITISH KUMAR :
JUSTICE GUMAN MAL LODHA :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) whether the waiting list for telephone connections is continuously increasing in the metropolitan cities of the country for the last few years;

(b) if not, the number of applicants on the waiting lists in Delhi, Mumbai, Calcutta, Jaipur, Lucknow and Patna during 1993-94, 1994-95, 1995-96;

(c) whether the Government have fixed any final time limit to sanction telephone connections to the registrants of 1996; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) No, Sir. Waiting list for telephone connections as on 31st March, 1996 was less than that on 31st March, 94 in all the four metro cities (Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Calcutta).

(b) The number of applicants in the waiting list in Delhi, Mumbai, Calcutta, Jaipur, Lucknow and Patna during 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 are given in the enclosed statement.

(c) and (d) It is proposed to provide 29 lakh telephone connections in the country during 1997-98 as against a target of providing 24.5 lakh telephone connections during 1996-97 with this provision it is expected that the waiting list upto 31st March, 1997 in most of the exchange areas in as many as eight telecom Circles, including metro cities, will be cleared during 1997-98. In the remaining areas the waiting list will be cleared progressively during 1997-98 and thereafter.

Statement

S. No.	City	Waiting List		
		1993-94 As on 31.3.94	1994-95 As on 31.3.95	1995-96 As on 31.3.96
1.	Delhi	250901	130243	9221
2.	Mumbai	93296	50039	10572
3.	Calcutta	48627	52393	47361
4.	Jaipur	62043	62598	46790
5.	Lucknow	5853	7827	11334
6.	Patna	5136	2285	6067

[English]

Aircraft Maintenance Services

*370. SHRI NAMDEO DIWATHE : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned, "AI to market aircraft maintenance services" appearing in the 'Business Standard' dated February 24, 1997;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto and facts relating to the proposal under consideration;

(c) the present status of the proposal; and

(d) the time by which the proposal is likely to be cleared for implementation and implication thereof?