

*[Translation]***Waiting List for Telephones in Bihar**

5340. SHRI DINESH CHANDRA YADAV : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of subscribers registered in the waiting-list for getting telephone connections in Bihar till date, District-wise;

(b) the number of subscribers who have been given telephone connections so far;

(c) whether the Government have formulated any scheme to provide the telephone connections to the

subscribers as early as possible; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) and (b) The waiting list and the number of telephones given as on 1.4.97 in Bihar District-wise are as per the statement attached.

(c) Yes, Sir. The waiting list of 51445 is proposed to be cleared progressively by March, 1998.

(d) A target of providing 60000 telephone connections during 1997-98 has been fixed for Bihar Telecom Circle.

**Statement***District-wise telephone connections provided and waiting list in Bihar State*

S. No.	Name of SSA	Name of District included	Waiting List as on 1.4.97	No. of Telephones given as on 1.4.97 (Direct Exch. lines)
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Arrah	Bhojpur Buxar	1178	6621
2.	Bhagalpur	Bhagalpur Banka	1336	11801
3.	Chhapra	Chhapra Siwan Gopalganj	3717	11098
4.	Darbhanga	Darbhanga Samastipur Madhubani Begusarai Khagaria	6957	23486
5.	Dhanbad	Dhanbad Bokaro	2602	26460
6.	Dumka	Dumka Deoghar Sahabganj Pakur Godda	1103	8279
7.	Gaya	Gaya Aurangabad Jehanabad Nawadah	1551	17459
8.	Hazaribagh	Hazaribagh Kodarma Chatra Giridih	1339	13724

1	2	3	4	5
9.	Jamshedpur	East Singhbhum West Singhbhum	7801	26512
10.	Katihar	Katihar Kishanganj Purnea	1728	12682
11.	Motihari	Araria East Champaran West Champaran	2110	11710
12.	Monghyr	Monghyr Sheikhpura Lakhisarai	2296	6593
13.	Muzaffarpur	Jamui Muzaffarpur Vaishali Sitamarhi Sheohar	5312	22547
14.	Patna	Patna Nalanda	9772	76270
15.	Ranchi	Ranchi Gumla Lohardaga	763	39208
16.	Saharsa	Saharsa Supaul Madhepura	458	7395
17.	Sasaram	Rohtas Bhabhua Palamau Garhwa	1422	10964
Total			51445	332799

**Programmes of Film Stars Engaged in Politics**

5341. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY :

SHRIMATI PURNIMA VERMA :

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

(a) whether the Government have received any instructions from the Election Commission regarding imposing restrictions on telecasting programmes of those film stars who are active in politics or any other such matter which may earn them political mileage; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY) : (a) and (b) Comprehensive guidelines have been issued by the Election Commission of India which inter-alia provide that Doordarshan during the Election process will not telecast films projecting the image of cine actors and actresses who have joined politics.

**Outdated Govt. Planes**

5342. SHRI ILIYAS AZMI :

SHRI MAHESH KUMAR M. KANODIA :

SHRI CHAMAN LAL GUPTA :

SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA :