

*[English]***HPT at Narkatiya and Bagaon in Bihar**

5196. DR. M.P. JAISWAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to construct high power T.V. Transmitter in Bihar particularly in Narkatiya and Bagaon sub-division towns; and

(b) if so, the time by which these are likely to be constructed?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) Three High Power TV transmitters, one each at Motihari, Jamshedpur and Deoghar, are envisaged to be set up in Bihar subject to availability of resources and inter-se priorities. The lead time involved in implementation of such projects is about 3-4 years after approval of the scheme by the competent authority. There are, however, no approved schemes, at present, to set up HPTs in Narkatiya and Bagaon sub-divisions of Bihar.

Introduction of Long Distance Trains

5197. SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of long distance trains introduced from Mysore after the commissioning of Broad-gauge line between Mysore and Bangalore;

(b) whether the Government propose to start some of the long distance trains to Mumbai, Trivandrum and Delhi from Mysore; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Introduction of new trains and extension of trains beyond its destination is a continuous process on Indian Railways subject to the availability of resources, operational feasibility and traffic justification. After the conversion of Bangalore-Mysore section into Broad Gauge, direct train services have been introduced from Mysore to Madras and Tirupati, besides Mysore-Bangalore Express/Push Pull trains.

(b) At present there is no such proposal.

(c) Does not arise.

*[Translation]***Computerised Post Offices**

5198. SHRIMATI KETAKI DEVI SINGH:

PROF. OMPAL SINGH 'NIDAR':

SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of post offices in which computers are proposed to be installed under the modernisation of services during the year 1997-98;

(b) the estimated expenditure likely to be incurred thereon and;

(c) the time by which the above work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) During the current plan period 1997-98 it is proposed to instal 1000 Computer Based Counter Machines, including 100 Local Area Network (LAN) for Savings Bank Services. Each LAN comprises of one server and two nodes which would be installed in 100 Post Offices. The remaining 700 computer based multi purpose counter machines are proposed to be installed in 200 to 250 Post Offices depending upon the size of the Post Office.

(b) The expenditure on installation of 1000 machines, including 100 Local Area Network, is estimated at Rs. 6.60 Crores approximately.

(c) The work of installation of computers planned for 1997-98 is likely to be completed by March, 1998.

*[English]***Construction of Over-Bridges**

5199. SHRI SOHAN VEER SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway over-bridges constructed over the railway stations in the country during the last three years, Zone/State-wise;

(b) the number of over-bridges which are likely to be constructed during the Ninth Five Year Plan; and

(c) the funds proposed to be allocated for this purpose during the Ninth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) to (c) The information is being collected from the Zonal Railways and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

*[Translation]***Opening of South-Eastern Railway Zone Manager's Office in Nainpur**

5200. SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULESTE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have agreed to open the office of the South Eastern Railway Zone Manager in Nainpur;

(b) if so, whether any fund is likely to be made available to the above office for its full establishment; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?