

(e) The intake capacity for each section is 35. However, the children/grand children of Hon'ble MPs' children of KVS employees, Ministry of External Affairs and intelligence agencies, etc. are admitted over and above the strength.

(f) No, Sir.

#### Electronic Telephone Exchange in J & K

741. VAIDYA VISHNU DATT : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of electronic telephone exchanges functioning in Jammu and Kashmir till date, district-wise;

(b) whether the Government are aware that these exchanges are not functioning properly;

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government propose to modernise these exchanges to minimise faults and provide uninterrupted communication facilities to the people;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the number of manual telephone exchanges proposed to be converted into electronic exchanges during 1998-99?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA) : (a) The number of electronic exchanges functioning in J&K district-wise are as below :

(i) Anantnag	-10
(ii) Badgam	-08
(iii) Baramulla	-12
(iv) Pulwama	-10
(v) Kupwara	-05
(vi) Srinagar	-08
(vii) Jammu	-47
(viii) Kathua	-22
(ix) Doda	-26
(x) Udhampur	-30 (35)
(xi) Poonch	-17
(xii) Rajouri	-26
(xiii) Leh	-14
(xiv) Kargil	-06
<b>Total</b>	<b>-246</b>

(b) and (c) Exchanges are generally working satisfactorily. However, performance is sometimes adversely effected due to very difficult law and order situation and militancy in the state.

(d) and (e) The exchanges have already been modernised. However, it is planned to modernise the connectivity by providing digital transmission media progressively. The details of such exchanges are given below :

1. Magam
2. Kulgam
3. Achabal
4. Malangpura
5. Trai
6. Chandoor
7. Narbal
8. Jajarkotli
9. Lakhanpur
10. Trilokpur
11. Tikri
12. Thathri
13. Mahore
14. Latti
15. Surankote
16. Nawchera
17. Donglbrahmna
18. Dharmari
19. Arnas
20. Nyoma
21. Nimoo
22. Saspole
23. Sukarbacman
24. Mandi

(f) There is no manual exchange working in J&K.

[Translation]

#### Doordarshan Kendra in Karnataka

742. SHRI BASWARAJ PATIL SEDAM : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the location and date on which first ever Doordarshan Kendra in Karnataka State was commissioned and aim thereof;

(b) whether the present studio and its equipments are suitable to meet the present requirements;

(c) if not, the scheme for its modernisation and development during the current year; and

(d) the extent of shortage of employees therein and the time by which this shortage is likely to be made good?