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	2. Veniyar Gudi (Group of Temples) Aihole
3. Madhya Pradesh	1. North West Miniature Shrine of Laxman Temple, Khajuraho
4. Orissa	1. Mahakal Temple, Retnagiri
5. Uttar Pradesh	1. Bandeo Temple, Dwarahat

#### Quality of Roads

2946. SHRI AJAY KUMAR S. SARNAIK: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the quality of road building in India has suffered because the State Public Works Departments have not utilised the road research carried out by the Central Road Research Institute;
- (b) whether the Indian roads including the National Highways are not upto the mark;
- (c) whether Government propose to improve the quality of roads in India; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The National Highways are being maintained in traffic worthy condition within the available resources.

(c) and (d) The improvement programmes have not kept pace with the growth in traffic due to inadequate budgetary funds. However, the Govt. has decided to allow the private sector to take up development and maintenance of National Highways from their own funds and to service such investments through tolls collected from the users.

#### Funds for Development of Roads in A.P.

2947. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government has prepared number of proposals for laying roads;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether State Government has asked the Union Government and the World Bank to provide funds for development of roads in the State; and
- (d) if so, the total amount sanctioned by the Union Government and World Bank for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF

SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) This Ministry is responsible for the development of National Highways only and the development of all other roads falls within the purview of the respective State Government. Annual Plan 1998-99, provides for the development of existing National Highways at a cost Rs. 79.90 crores in Andhra Pradesh.

(c) and (d) (i) A World Bank loan amounting to US \$ 485.5 million, for improvement of approximately 1400 kms of State roads in Andhra Pradesh, is under implementation by the State Government.

(ii) The State Government of Andhra Pradesh has been allocated sums of Rs. 2943.83 lakhs for National Highways (original works) and Rs. 3898.00 lakhs for Maintenance and Repairs for the year 1997-98 respectively.

#### LPT at Sundergarh, Orissa

2948. SHRI JUAL ORAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government have received any proposal from the Government of Orissa for establishment of new LPTs in Sundergarh region;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the same is likely to be established?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) Requests from the Minister of State for Welfare, Govt. of Orissa were received in 1995 for establishment of Low Power Transmitters at Kinjirkella, Sagbahal (Balisankara Block) Konika (Hemgir Block) and at Hemgir in Sundergarh District of Orissa.

(c) At present, there is no approved scheme to establish LPTs at above mentioned places.

#### Idols of Jain Tirthankars

2949. SHRI ARIF MOHAMMED KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether in the process of repair work done at Qutab Minar complex in Delhi, scores of Idols of Jain Tirthankars were found in seventies and thereafter;
- (b) if so, whether these items have been documented and put for display in the national Museum or elsewhere;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the time by which this work will be taken up?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) One architectural fragment of a lintel depicting sitting Adinatha image in the

centre and flanked on either side with standing image of Tirthankars was found in the vicinity of Qutab archaeological area in 1965. The architectural member has been documented and kept in safe custody.

(d) and (e) Question does not arise.

#### Telephone Exchanges in Haryana

2950. SHRI S.S. OWAIISI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have any proposal to set up a new electronic telephone exchange in Gari Harsru, District Gurgaon, Haryana;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken to clear the proposal;

(d) the number of telephone exchanges functioning at present in the State, District-wise;

(e) whether there is any proposal to provide STD facilities at all the exchanges in the State;

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(g) the total revenue earned by the Government during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA):

(a) to (c) Presently 2 units of C-Dot RAXs with equipped capacity of 160 lines, are working at Gari Harsru. A new telephone exchange of 1000 lines is planned to be commissioned during 1998-99, in replacement of these 2 units of C-Dot RAXs, so that more connections can be given.

(d) As given in the Statement attached.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) Out of 792 exchanges, STD facility has already been provided at 443 exchanges. In the remaining 349 exchanges, this facility is planned to be provided by March 2000 progressively.

(g) The total revenue earned by Haryana Telecom Circle during the last 3 years is as under:

Year	Revenue in thousands of Rupees
1995-96	2134395
1996-97	2676094
1997-98	3237416

#### Statement

*No. of Telephone Exchanges functioning at present in Haryana, District-wise.*

Name of the District	No. of exchanges functioning as on date
Ambala	67
Yamuna Nagar	45
Panchkula	21
Faridabad	35
Gurgaon	40
Karnal	42
Panipat	21
Kurukshetra	45
Kaithal	36
Hissar	48
Sirsa	63
Fatehabad	40
Rohtak	35
Jhajjar	20
Bhiwani	62
Jind	77
Sonepat	43
Rewari	28
Narnaul	24
<b>Total</b>	<b>792</b>

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#### Power Generation

2951. SHRI CHINTA MOHAN:

PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the total power generation capacity of the country upto March, 1998;

(b) whether any assessment has been made by the Government for the optimum utilisation of this capacity;

(c) if so, the estimated percentage of the installed capacity being utilised; and

(d) the extent to which the capacity utilisation is less than the average capacity utilisation of power in the World?