

Statement-I

New Telephone exchanges proposed to be during the year 1998-99 in Kerala

Sl. No.	Name of the SSA	No. of exchanges	Capacity
1.	Alleppey	1	552
2.	Calicut	20	8994
3.	Cannanore	5	920
4.	Kasargod	4	920
5.	Ernakulam	12	3312
6.	Kottayam	1	2500
7.	Paiakkad	2	368
8.	Pathanamthitta	2	552
9.	Qullon	4	1472
10.	Trichur	2	368
11.	Trivandrum	3	3152
		56	23110

Statement-II

Telephone exchanges expanded in Ponnani region during the year 1997-98 in Kerala

Sl. No.	Name of the exchange	Capacity as on 31-03-97	Exchange done during 1997-98
1.	Anagangad	256	64
2.	Chelari	1400	100
3.	Edapal	652	848
4.	Elamkulam	272	48
5.	Kalpakanacherry	1080	60
6.	Mankada	1100	128
7.	Marancherry	444	1056
8.	Malathur	272	1128
9.	Moorkanad (CLT)	88	72
10.	Pulananthole	272	728
11.	Tirurangadi	2528	250
12.	Tanalur	240	760
13.	Tanur	1200	300

Statement-III

Expansion of existing telephone systems proposed during the current financial year in Kerala

S. No.	Name of the SSA	No. of Exchanges	Capacity
1.	Alleppey	19	17444
2.	Calicut	91	134836
3.	Cannanore	60	64036
4.	Ernakulam	67	76524
5.	Kottayam	31	38646
6.	Lakshadweep	2	1176
7.	Palakkad	29	25064
8.	Pathanamthitta	14	13316
9.	Quilon	22	34889
10.	Trichur	30	55730
11.	Trivandrum	29	46940
		394	508601

Augmentation of Staff Strength at**IGNOU Regional Centre**

2998. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether no staff has been posted under different assistant Regional Directors of IGNOU at Delhi regional Centre; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken/proposed to be taken to augment the staff strength at this centre adequately?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) According to the information furnished by the Indira Gandhi National Open University, each Regional Centre of the University is headed by a Regional Director. He/She is assisted by at least three Assistant Regional Directors, one Assistant Registrar/Section Officer and a small number of supporting staff. The services of the supporting staff are shared by the Regional Directors/Assistant Regional Directors. The present staff strength in position at Delhi Regional Centre is given in the statement enclosed.

Statement**DD-3**

S.No.	Name of Post	Approved	Filled
1.	Asstt. Registrar	1	1
2.	Section Officer	1	Vacant
3.	Sr. Personal Assistant	1	1
4.	Sr. Assistant	1	3
5.	Assistant	2	1
6.	Personal Assistant Grade-II	1	1
7.	Stenographer	1	1
8.	Technical Assistant	1	Vacant
9.	Semi Professional Assistant	1	1
10.	Computer Operator Grade-I	1	1 Asstt. Programmer
11.	Computer Operator Grade-II	1	1
12.	Jr. Asstt.-cum-Typist	3	4
13.	Driver	1	1
14.	Group-D	2	2

Liquid Fuel to Power Projects in Gujarat

2999. SHRI SHANTILAL PURSHOTTAMDAS PATEL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Gujarat Government's proposals for allocation of liquid fuel to various power projects have been sanctioned;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the allocated capacity was lower than the State's demand; and

(d) if so, the steps the Union Government propose to take to meet the demand?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.R. KUMARA-MANGALAM): (a) to (d) In order to bridge the energy shortage in the short run, a liquid fuel based power capacity of about 12000 MW for the country as a whole was planned as a one time measure in view of their short gestation period and lack of alternative fuels. Out of this, Gujarat was allotted a capacity of 1230 MW and further a barge mounted capacity of 520 MW. Based on the Gujarat Government's recommendations so far, linkages for 13 projects of 561.70 MW capacity have been issued.

As per the modifications in the liquid fuel policy, the 12,000 MW celling would only apply to naphtha and the States could contract new power projects based on FO, condensate and orimulsion, etc.

3000. SHRI PRABHUNATH SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons of DD-3 having been hooked off air;

(b) whether the Government propose to restore it;

(c) if so, the time by which it is likely to be restored; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) DD-3 Channel of Doordarshan was started with a view to cater to a selective, target audience as also for opinion leaders in different fields. The programming on this channel was include a wide range of serious entertainment, tele-films, plays discussions etc. In due course of time, this channel became a Movie Channel showing 3 films per day. Thus the purpose for which it was started was not being served. Besides this, the Channel was also incurring financial losses. In view of this, it was decided to close down the Channel.

(b) to (d) No proposal for restoring the DD-3 Channel is under consideration at present due to reasons given in reply part (a) above.

[*Translation*]

Broadcasting of Programmes from**AIR, Distt. Mandla, M.P.**

3001. SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULESTE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the time by which the All India Radio Station of Distt. Mandla in Madhya Pradesh is likely to start broadcasting programmes; and

(b) the reasons for delay in starting broadcasting of the programmes from that station?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Station is expected to be technically ready the December, 1999. Broadcasts will commence soon thereafter.

(b) Project has been delayed due to contractual problems in civil works.

[*English*]

Illegal Construction in the Prohibited and**Regulated Zones**

3002. SHRI KHARABELA SWAIN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: