

(c) the efforts made to complete work on the said Express Highway?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The bridge works are being completed through support from the budget. For the balance road works, alternate methods of financing are being explored.

#### Telephone Exchange in Rajasthan

3023. SHRI RAMPAL UPADHYAY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the capacity of telephone exchanges at present functioning in the district of Bharatpur, Rajasthan, Exchange-wise;

(b) whether there is any plan to increase the capacity of the existing exchange;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government propose to provide telephone connections to the persons of Khedli Gadasiyan

Village who are waiting telephone connections for many years from Lakhanpur exchange;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) The details are given in the statement attached.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The details are given in the statement attached.

(d) Yes, Sir. There is a plan to provide telephone connections to the residents of village Khedli Gadasiyan from Barkheda telephone exchange and not from Lakhanpur exchange during 1998-99.

(e) and (f) Village Khedli Gadasiyan falls under the local area of telephone exchange Barkheda and it is 2.5 km. from Barkheda exchange. Total four persons are in waiting in Khedli Gadasiyan and there is a plan to provide telephone connections to them from Barkheda telephone exchange during 1998-99.

#### Statement

*Present capacity/increase in capacity of Telephone Exchanges functioning in the district of Bharatpur*

Sl. No.	Name of Exchange	Capacity	Planned expansion of capacity during 1998-99
1	2	3	4
1.	Bandbaretha	152	—
2.	Bansi-Pharapur	56	—
3.	Barulichhar	56	—
4.	Barkheda	56	—
5.	Bayana	1400	152
6.	Bharatpur	7500	2000
7.	Bhusawar	320	152
8.	Chokarwara	152	—
9.	Deeg	1136	264
10.	Dehra	192	—
11.	Dhadren	88	64
12.	Gadauli	56	—
13.	Gopalgarh	80	64
14.	Halena	192	—
15.	Jaluki	152	—
16.	Januthar	88	64

1	2	3	4
17.	Jurehra	296	—
18.	Kaithwara	40	64
19.	Kaman	472	528
20.	Khoh	192	64
21.	Korer	192	—
22.	Kama	192	—
23.	Kumher	384	296
24.	Lakhanpur	192	144
25.	Mahua	64	64
26.	Nadhahi	1000	—
27.	Nagar	1000	—
28.	Nither	64	64
29.	Pahavi	197	—
30.	Paprera	64	64
31.	Pathana	56	—
32.	Rarah	152	—
33.	Rasua	80	64
34.	Rudawal	200	152
35.	Rupbas	168	296
36.	Sikri	424	576
37.	Sinaini	80	64
38.	Uchchain	200	296
39.	Weir	208	61
<b>Total</b>		<b>17588</b>	<b>5560</b>

#### Telephone Exchanges in Bihar

3024. SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- the existing norms for opening of new telephone exchanges in rural areas of the country;
- whether the Government propose to open new telephone exchanges for the villages of District Muzaffarpur, Bihar;
- if so, the details thereof; and
- if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(a) A new telephone exchange is planned to be opened at

place when the Registered Demand for telephone connections reaches 10 or more, provided this does not fall in the local area or other exchanges.

- Yes, Sir.
- During 1998-99, 4 new telephone exchanges are proposed to be opened in Muzaffarpur District.
- Does not arise.

#### National Technology Mission

3025. SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- whether National Technology Mission which was introduced in the year 1986 has achieved its target;