

Statement-II

The number of villages to be provided with Telephone facility in the State during 1998-99

Sl. No.	Name of the District	No. of Villages yet to be provided telephones	No. of Villages proposed to be provided during 1998-99
1.	Bangalore	938	325
2.	Mysore	378	278
3.	Dharwad	10	10
4.	Belgaum	34	34
5.	Shimoga	305	205
6.	Kodagu	93	25
7.	Uttara Kannada	99	99
8.	Gulbarga	47	47
9.	Raichur	159	59
10.	Tumkur	1010	300
11.	Kolar	1635	300
12.	Hassan	923	470
13.	Davangere	208	196
14.	Mandya	350	100
15.	Chickmagalur	52	52
	Total	6241	2500

Performance of Literacy Mission

3682. SHRI A. GANESHAMURTHI:

SHRI VAIKO:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Literacy Mission in Tamil Nadu has failed to achieve the desired success; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Since its inception in May, 1998 National Literacy Mission has adopted the mass campaign approach for achievement of functional literacy in the country. Total Literacy Campaigns (TLC) and Post Literacy Campaigns (PLC) are the two district based literacy campaigns targetting the total illiterate population of the district.

All 29 districts of Tamil Nadu have been covered by TLC

and 23 districts have also launched their PLC. The TL Campaigns provide the basic functional literacy to an illiterate learner. PL Campaigns are intended to consolidate the fragile skill of the neo-literate and orient him towards self-learning and using his new learning to actual life situations.

The TLCs in Tamil Nadu had a target of 89.57 lakh learners identified through actual field survey. 79.70 lakh learners were enrolled in various Total Literacy campaigns and 60.01 lakh learners have completed Primer-III, i.e., have acquired literacy skills. These figures would indicate that 66.99% of identified illiterate learners have passed Primer-III and acquired literacy. It can therefore be said that literacy campaigns have yielded very satisfactory results in Tamil Nadu.

37.48 lakh neo-literates have been enrolled under various Post-Literacy activities.

(b) Does not arise.

Widening of National Highways in West Bengal

3683. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any proposals for improving and widening of the National Highways in West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which these proposals would be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) So far no such proposal has been received in the current Financial Year.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

New Telephone Exchanges in Rajasthan

3684. COL. SONA RAM CHOUDHARY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up new telephone exchanges in Rajasthan particularly in Western Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise;

(c) whether some of the existing telephone exchanges in Rajasthan proposed to be expanded and modernised;

(d) if so, details thereof, district-wise; and

(e) the amount earmarked for the current financial year for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) District-wise details are placed in the attached Statement-I.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) District-wise details are placed in the attached Statement-II.

(e) The proposed amount for the current financial year for the purpose is Rs. 382 crores.

Statement-I

District-wise details of New Telephone Exchanges proposed to be set up in Rajasthan Circle during 1998-99

Sl. No.	Name of District	No. of New Telephone Exchanges planned during 1998-99
1	2	3
1.	Ajmer	4
2.	Alwar	4
3.	Banswara	1
4.	Baran	2
5.	Barmer	4
6.	Bharatpur	4
7.	Bhilwara	4
8.	Bikaner	4
9.	Bundi	3
10.	Chittorgarh	4
11.	Churu	4
12.	Dausa	1
13.	Dholpur	1
14.	Dungarpur	4
15.	Hanumangarh	2
16.	Jaipur	4
17.	Jaisalmer	4
18.	Jalore	3
19.	Jhalawar	4
20.	Jhunjhunu	2
21.	Jodhpur	4
22.	Karauli	1
23.	Kota	2
24.	Nagaur	5
25.	Pali	4
26.	Rajsamand	1

1	2	3
27.	Sawaimadhopur	3
28.	Sikar	4
29.	Sirohi	1
30.	Sriganganagar	6
31.	Tonk	3
32.	Udaipur	3
Total		100

Statement-II

District-wise details of expansions of existing Telephone Exchanges proposed in Rajasthan circle during 1998-99

Sl. No.	Name of District	No. of Exchanges planned for expansions during 98-99
1	2	3
1.	Ajmer	26
2.	Alwar	27
3.	Banswara	16
4.	Baran	7
5.	Barmer	18
6.	Bharatpur	13
7.	Bhilwara	24
8.	Bikaner	11
9.	Bundi	5
10.	Chittorgarh	23
11.	Churu	18
12.	Dausa	13
13.	Dholpur	5
14.	Dungarpur	16
15.	Hanumangarh	12
16.	Jaipur	40
17.	Jaisalmer	2
18.	Jalore	22
19.	Jhalawar	13
20.	Jhunjhunu	34
21.	Jodhpur	13
22.	Karauli	5

1	2	3
23.	Kota	14
24.	Nagaur	31
25.	Pali	54
26.	Rajsamand	24
27.	Sawaimadhopur	14
28.	Sikar	35
29.	Sirohi	13
30.	Sriganganagar	40
31.	Tonk	14
32.	Udaipur	25
Total		627

The following three exchanges are proposed to be modernised during 1998-99:

Sl. No.	District	Name of Exchange
1.	Ajmer	Ajmer
2.	Baran	Baran
3.	Chittorgarh	Chittorgarh

Increase in the Temperature

3685. SHRI KHARABELA SWAIN: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- the reasons for the high increase of temperature this year;
- whether this spell of heat is likely to continue in the near future; and
- if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Normally western disturbance activity continues upto middle of June causing duststorm/thunderstorm activity in the parts of northwest India which in turn brings temperature down to its normal value. From the middle of May this year, there was a complete absence of Western Disturbance activity over northwest India. In the absence of any weather disturbance, with continuous clear sky conditions, the temperature started rising by middle of May and continued rising till end of May. Abnormally high temperatures persisted in some part of the country even in the first week of June causing prolonged Heat Wave Conditions.

(b) and (c) With the setting of easterly wind flow over most parts of the north India in association with monsoon current, the heat wave episode of May-June 1998 abated from all

parts of the country by the second week of June this year. Heat waves are not commonly experienced during the monsoon season.

Foreign Assistance for Environment Projects in U.P.

[Translation]

3686. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- the details of proposals seeking foreign assistance sent to Union Government by Uttar Pradesh in regard to environment reform and forest development during the Eighth Five Year Plan;
- the number of proposals out of these accorded approval till date; and
- the position in regard to the rest of the proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) to (c) The details of the proposals seeking foreign assistance by Government of Uttar Pradesh in regard to environment reform and forest development during the Eighth Five Year Plan and approved by Union Government are as follows:

1. Common Effluent Treatment Plants (CETP)

Under the World Bank Assisted, Industrial Pollution Control Project, 2 Common Effluent Treatment Plants (CETP) have been completed and commissioned with an assistance of Rs. 95.75 lakhs.

2. Uttar Pradesh Forestry Project

The project has been launched during 1997-98. The project has been declared effective from 19th March, 1998. The main aims of the project are to ensure environmental stability and maintain ecological balance, conserve the national biological heritage, increase substantially the forest and tree cover in forest and farm lands, increase productivity of forest, involve people in the management of forests and trees and to improve the management process followed by the department through improved human resource development packages. The total cost of the project is Rs. 272 crores for covering entire state during the 4 year period. About an areas of 1,60,000 ha. will be covered under the project.

3. Ganga Action Plan (GAP) Support Project for Kanpur (GAP-Phase-II)

The project has been approved by Netherland Government in 1997 for Rs. 115.4 crores of which the Netherland Government will fund Rs. 105 crores and Government of India/Government of U.P. will fund Rs. 10.4 crores. Balance works will be taken up after completion of this project after 4 years.

4. Gomti Action Plan (Pollution Abatement Works in Lucknow, Sultanpur and Jaunpur)

Phase-I of the project was approved in 1995 by DFID, UK