

Statement-II

Number of Exchanges proposed to be provided with S.T.D. facilities during 1998-99

Sl.No.	Name of Location
1	2
1.	Khour
2.	Jourian
3.	Sohal
4.	Jajjar Kotli
5.	Rehal
6.	Jib
7.	Garhi
8.	Marh
9.	Sheerpur
10.	Ambgarota
11.	Kotbalwal
12.	Shamachack
13.	Marheen
14.	Magam
15.	Kulgam
16.	Gadkhud
17.	Ghoshbug
18.	Mandwara
19.	Awantipora
20.	Dooru
21.	Lethpora
22.	Khudwani
23.	Achabal
24.	Rajpora
25.	Tral
26.	Chadoora
27.	Khanda
28.	Narbal
29.	Alisteng
30.	Latti
31.	Sarthangal

1	2
32.	Tikri
33.	Assar
34.	Thathri
35.	Arnas
36.	Dharmari
37.	Mahore
38.	Chanderkote
39.	Nowshehra
40.	Thana Mandi
41.	Surankote
42.	Dongi-braharna
43.	Mandi
44.	Kalakote
45.	Chuchut-Shama
46.	Pheyong
47.	Nimoo
48.	Saspole
49.	Minji
50.	Nyoma
51.	Sukharbachan

Impact of Forest Fire on India

3830. SHRI ANANT KUMAR HEGDE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have conducted any study on the impact of the forest fire in South East Asian forests on the environment and its subsequent fall out on India in the near future and in the long run;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether the Government have any proposal to do so?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABULAL MARANDI): (a) The Indian Meteorological Department has been continuously observing the recent forest fires in Indonesia, from its seven observatories in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. These observatories never indicated any smoke over the Andaman and Nicobar Islands except the sea haze which was reported occasionally by Kondal observatory in November, 1997. The recent observations from Bay Islands indicate that there is no effect of the forest fires in Indonesia over the Bay Islands. Due to the wind flow pattern of South-west monsoon over the

Bay of Bengal there is no chance of any advection of smoke or haze from Indonesian Islands towards Indian main land at this stage. There is therefore no adverse environmental impact of Indonesian forest fires on Indian territories either in the near future or in the long run.

(b) and (c) Question does not arise in view of 'a' above.

Rural Functional Literacy Project (RFLP)

3831. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the states where the centre based Rural Functional Literacy Project (RFLP) has been introduced so far;

(b) the details of achievements made under the project;

(c) whether there is any proposal to extend the project to Orissa; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) The Centre based revised scheme of Rural Functional Literacy Project (RFLP) is being implemented since 1994-95 in difficult areas of the states of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Mizoram, Tripura, J&K and Sikkim.

(b) As on date, 65 projects have been sanctioned in the above states to cover 449049 non-literate in the age group of 15-35 years. As per the information received from the concerned states, out of this coverage 181630 illiterate persons have attended the learning sessions in the teaching learning centre.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The scheme of RFLP specifically targets difficult areas of North-East, J&K and Sikkim. The state of Orissa has been covered under the Total Literacy/Post Literacy Campaign.

PCO/STD/STD Booths in Maharashtra

[Translation]

3832. SHRI R. S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received applications for the allotment of PCO/STD/STD telephone booths in Maharashtra particularly in Amravati district;

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

(c) the time by which these applications are likely to be cleared?

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

(b) The details of pending applications as on 31.5.

1998 are given in the attached statement.

(c) The pending applications will be progressively cleared in about two years time subject to technical feasibility and the applicants fulfilling the eligibility conditions.

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S.No.	Name of SSA	Application pending
1.	Goa	542
2.	Kalayan	1500
3.	Kolhapur	31
4.	Nagpur	1848
5.	Pune	4067
6.	Sangli	103
7.	Satara	170
8.	Ahmednagar	281
9.	Beed	136
10.	Akola	• 1095
11.	Amaravati	412
12.	Augangabad	3898
13.	Jalna	131
14.	Jalgaon	1965
15.	Buldhana	0
16.	Nasik	1300
17.	Dhule	290
18.	Solapur	1290
19.	Osmanabad	16
20.	Raigad	200
21.	Ratnagiri	510
22.	Sindudurg	97
23.	Latur	358
24.	Parbhani	129
25.	Nanded	146
26.	Bhandara	0
27.	Chandrapur	528
28.	Gadchiroli	43
29.	Wardha	87
30.	Yeotmal	574