

(i) Establishment of transmission links—Private ISPs can obtain transmission links on lease from DOT, licensed Basic Service Operator, Railways, State Electricity Boards, National Power Grid Corporation etc. They may also establish their own transmission links, provided they are not available from authorised sources and subject to permission of Authority.

(j) Telephony on the Internet is not permitted.

Referral Facility to CGHS beneficiaries

923. SHRI S.S. OWAISI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether CGHS beneficiaries are entitled to take treatment in a referral hospital nearby;

(b) if so, whether DRDO employees in Hyderabad have to go a long way to take treatment in emergency conditions;

(c) if so, the minimum or maximum distance prescribed for Government employees to take treatment in emergency circumstances; and

(d) whether the Government propose to grant permission to CGHS beneficiaries to take treatment in nearest hospitals in emergency circumstances?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) CGHS beneficiaries are entitled to take treatment in a referral hospital, including one which may not be recognised by CGHS, in emergency circumstances. However, ex-post-facto approval from the CGHS Directorate for the treatment taken in emergency circumstances will have to be obtained.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Post and Telegraph Facilities

924. SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL:
SHRI HARIBHAI CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the per capita availability of post and telegraph facilities in the rural sector at present and the extent to which it compares with urban sector;

(b) whether the Government propose to increase the set up of post and telegraph offices in the rural sector for the current year;

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

(d) whether the Government have taken any initiatives for modernisation of telegraph services in Gujarat during 1998-99;

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

(f) the funds allocated for the purpose; and

(g) the time by which the work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA):
(a) Department of Posts

A population of one lakh is served, on an average, by 21.85 post offices in rural areas and 7.5 post offices in urban areas. In other words, a post office in rural area on an average serves a population of 4576. This compares well with the average population served by a post office in urban areas, which is 13233.

Telegraph services

Regarding Telegraph, the information is as below:—

Rural	Total Rural population of country estimated on 01.04.98 = 71.75 crores.
	Total number of telegraph offices working in rural area = 40529
	Per capita availability of telegraph offices in rural area = 0.0000564 i.e. for every 17703 persons, there is one telegraph office in the rural areas.
Urban	Total urban population of country as estimated on 01.04.98 = 28.85 crores
	Total number of telegraph offices working in urban area = 7428
	per capita availability of telegraph offices in urban areas = 0.0000257 i.e. for every 38839 persons, there is one telegraph office in the urban areas.

Per capita availability of telegraph offices in rural areas is higher than in the urban area.

(b) and (c) Department of Posts

Yes, Sir. There is a target for opening 598 Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices in the rural areas of the country during the current year, subject to availability of resources.

Telegraph Services

Telegraph offices are opened on the basis of demand and justification by traffic. Wherever the public telephones facility is provided in Post offices in Rural Areas, the telegraph facility is also provided on phonocom.

No specific targets have been fixed for telegraph offices.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Devanagri facilities is being incorporated in addition to English mode for telegrams. Details are given in attached Statement-I

The telegraph offices are being connected on Public Switched Telephone Network to provide easy access to telegraph network. Details are given in the attached Statement-II

(f) Rs. 1741650/- is allocated for the purpose.

(g) The above mentioned work is likely to be completed during next financial year.

*Statement**Allotment of Equipment in Gujarat for Devanagri Telegrams*

Sl.No.	Name of Telecom District	Names of Telegraph Offices where equipment shall be installed
1	2	3
1.	Ahmedabad (AM)	CTO Ahmedabad, to AM Railwaypura TO AM Shahibag TO AM Maninagar TO AM Naranpura TO AM Navrangpura TO AM-Vasna TO AM Naroda and TO Gandhinagar
2.	Rajkot (RJ)	CTO Rajkot and TO RJ Bhaktinagar
3.	Vadodara (BA)	CTO Vadodara TO BA Fateganj
4.	Surat (SR)	CTO Surat TO SR Nanpura
5.	Bhavnagar	CTO Bhavnagar
6.	Jamnagar (JN)	CTO Jamnagar and TO JN Digvijayplot
7.	Mehsana	TO Mehsana and TO Unjha
8.	Junagadh	TO Junagadh TO Porbandar and TO Veraval

1	2	3
9.	Kheda	TO Nadiad and TO Anand
10.	Bharuch	TO Bharuch
11.	Panchmahal (Godhra)	To Godhra and TO Dahod
12.	Valsad	TO Valsad and TO Vapi
13.	Surendranagar	TO Surendranagar
14.	Banaskantha (Palanpur)	To Palanpur
15.	Sabarkantha (Himatnagar)	TO Himatnagar
16.	Bhuj (Kutch)	TO Bhuj and TO Gandhidham
17.	Amreli	TO Amreli

Abbreviations:

CTO — Central Telegraph Office

TO — Telegraph Office

Statement-II*Distt.-wise List of Stations where EKBC/EKB upgradation to be done*

Sl. No.	Name of District	Name of Station where EKBC to be upgraded	Name of station where EKB PSTN modem to be provided
1	2	3	4
1.	Ahmedabad	Ahmedabad	Dholka, Bavla
2.	Sabarkantha	Nil	Bayad, Talod, Modasa
3.	Rajkot	Rajkot	Jasdan, Paddhari, Kotda Sanghani
4.	Surendranagar	Surendranagar	Thangadh, Chotlia Wadhwan City
5.	Surat	Surat	Sachin

1	2	3	4
6.	Mehsana	Mehsana	Vijapur, Hartj, Saml, Kheralu, Chanasma, Vadnagar, Mansa
7.	Khoda	Anand	Umrath, Khambhat, Balesinor
8.	Bhavnagar	Bhavnagar	Valebhipur, Sihor (G)
9.	Valsad	Valead	Dharampur, Killapardi Khergam, Gundlav
10.	Vadodara	Vadodara	Padra, Miyagam, Bodeli
11.	Bharuch	Bharuch	Dahej, Vagra, Netrang, Rajpardi, Umalla, Hansot
12.	Junagadh	Junagadh	Visavadar
13.	Jamnagar	Jamnagar	Kalavad, Bhanvad, Jamnagar Air Force Jamnagar Valsure, Jodia, Dhrol, Jamjodhpur
14.	Panchmahal	Godhra	Sentrampur, Devgadh-Baria, Jhalod, Santroad, Timbaroad, Shehra

Abbreviations:

EKEC — Electronic Key Board Concentrator

EKB — Electronic Key Board

National Judicial Commission

925. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA:
SHRI RANJIB BISWAL:
SHRI K. YERRANNAIDU:
SHRI AJAY KUMAR S. SARNAIK:
SHRI AJAY CHAKRABORTY:
SHRI K.S. RAO:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a National Judicial Commission to overcome the drawbacks in the selection of Judges and to make the appointment/transfer process more broad-based;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the Commission is likely to be constituted?

Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT