

villages have been planned for the year 1998-99 for Leh and Kargil Districts in Jammu and Kashmir.

[Translation]

Post Offices ISD/STD/PCOs/FAX Booths in Udaipur

1825. **SHRI SHANTILAL CHAPLOT:** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of village panchayats in Udaipur, Rajasthan which applied for opening of post offices, ISD/STD/PCO/FAX booths in their respective areas during the last three years;

(b) the number of applications out of them sanctioned so far; and

(c) the time by which the remaining applications are likely to be processed and sanctioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): *Department of Posts:* (a) The number of village panchayats in Udaipur, Rajasthan which applied for opening of post offices in their respective areas during the last three years, is as under:

Year 1996-97 = 7 village panchayats.

Year 1997-98 = Nil

Year 1998-99 = 6 Village panchayats.

(b) and (c) The number of post offices opened on village panchayats applications is as under:—

Year 1996-97 = 3

Out of the remaining 4 proposals, there were not justified and panchayat Sanchar Sewa Kendra was

opened at one village. As regards the applications received in 1998-99, the target for opening of Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices in Rajasthan Circle for 1998-99 is 30. The post offices are sanctioned on the norms-based justification subject to availability resources.

Department of Telecom: The report is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Storage Capacity of Oil Depots

1826. **SHRI RAJBANSHI MAHTO:**
SHRI RAJO SINGH:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of oil depots of Bharat Petroleum, Indian Oil Corporation and Hindustan Petroleum located in various parts of the country, State-wise;

(b) the present storage capacity of each of these depots; and

(c) the extent to which the local farmers are benefited by these depots?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) and (b) The number of oil depots of Bharat Petroleum, Indian Oil Corporation and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation located State-wise is given in the enclosed Statement.

(c) The depots have been set up so that they are closer to the consumption areas. This helps in ensuring supplies conveniently, regularly and at the least cost to all customers/consumers including local farmers.

Statement

*Depot Data : State-wise/Company-wise
(As on 1.4.1998)*

(Figs. in K.L.)

State	Oil Co.	No. of Depots	Total Tankage
1	2	3	4
Andhra Pradesh	IOC	9	173710
	BPC	7	59265
	HPC	4	55906
Total		20	288881