

Statement II

Sl.No.	District	Exchange	Plan during 1998-99	Progress made
1.	Bankura	Saltara	Nil	Not applicable
		Barhara	Nil	Not applicable
		Amar Khanan	New Exch. of 152 lines	Equipment available & planned to be commissioned by 31.3.99
		Patrasya	Expn. by 64 lines.	Commissioned

New Telephone Lines and Connections

1870. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have made any assessment of the requirement of the new telephone lines and telephone connections required to be given in the country for the Ninth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including the estimated investment and financial allocation to be made for the purpose?

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

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. It is estimated by the Government that during 9th Five Year Plan a total of 237 lakh telephone lines (DEL's Direct Exechange Lines) are to be provided by DoT, MTNL & Private Operators. DoT & MTNL is estimated to provide 185 lakh lines while private operators are estimated to provide 52 lakh lines. The total estimated investment for providing 237 lakh telephone lines (DEL's) would be 106650 Cr. out of which DoT & MTNL's share will be Rs. 83250 Cr. and that of Private operators will be 23400 crores.

[*Translation*]

Oil Refineries

1871. SHRI CHINMAYANAND SWAMI:
SHRI V.K. KHANDELWAL:
SHRI SOHANVEER SINGH:
SHRI SHANTI LAL CHAPLOT:

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

(a) whether the Government propose to enhance the capacity of various oil refineries in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the funds allocated for setting up new refineries during the Ninth Plan period?

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) Enhancement of capacity of Koyali Refinery and Baranuni Refinery of IOC, Vizag Refinery of HPCL and MRPL Refinery is in progress.

(c) The details of new refineries projects planned to be set up state-wise, during 9th Plan period under domestic Tariff Area (DTA) in Public Sector and Joint

Sector alongwith the estimated investment and crude processing capacity are given below:—

Sl. No.	Name of the Refinery	State	Capacity (MMTPA)	Investment Proposed (Rs./Crores)
PUBLIC SECTOR				
1.	Panipat Refinery	Haryana	6.0	3868.00
2.	Numaligarh Refinery	Assam	3.00	2497.40 (Revised cost)
JOINT VENTURE				
1.	Central India Refinery	Madhya Pradesh	6.00	5277.00

In addition to above, Government has approved the JV proposals of IOC for setting up a 9 MMTPA grassroot refinery at Abhaychandrapur, Orissa in July, 1998 and the proposal of HPCL for setting up a 9 MMTPA grassroot refinery at Bhatinda in Punjab in November, 1998. The commissioning of these two refineries are expected in the Ninth Plan.

[English]

**Employment to Displaced Persons
of Ranjit Sagar Dam**

1872. SHRI CHAMAN LAL GUPTA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to give employment to the displaced persons of Ranjit Sagar Dam in Jammu & Kashmir; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER, MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b) Ranjit Sagar Dam Project is being executed by the Government of Punjab. Information regarding the number of displaced persons from Jammu & Kashmir and the benefits provided to them is being collected from the Government of Punjab and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[Translation]

Construction of Post Office Building

1873. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1825 dated June 8, 1998 and state:

(a) whether the reconstruction work of dilapidated building of head post office located in Rajnandgaon of Madhya Pradesh has since started;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the work is likely to be completed; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) and (b) Tenders for the reconstruction of dilapidated building of head post office located in Rajnandgaon of Madhya Pradesh have been opened by the Executive Engineer Postal Civil Division Bhopal on 19.2.99 and are under scrutiny. The demolition of the old structure will start by first week of April 1999. The building is likely to be completed by November, 2000.

(c) Does not arise.