

- (iii) Firozabad (UP),
- (iv) Farukkabad (UP),
- (v) Nabadweep (WB),
- (vi) Navsari (GJ),
- (vii) Cuddalore (TN),
- (viii) Mandla (MP),
- (ix) Amroha (UP),
- (x) Sambhal (UP)
- (xi) Bermo (BR),
- (xii) Batala (PB),
- (xiii) Berhampur (WB)

- (b) (i) Non availability of equipment for automatisation.
- (ii) Non availability of transmission media.

(c) After the automatisation of exchanges, which is likely in the first two years of the 8th Plan.

[*Translation*]

Conversion of Telephone Exchanges Into Electronic Exchanges in Ajmer

10355. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the places where electronic system has been introduced in telephone exchanges in Ajmer district of Rajasthan;

(b) whether Government also propose to convert the existing telephone exchange

in Ajmer city into electronic exchange; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) In Ajmer District an Electronic exchange is working at Beawar.

(b) and (c). The existing Telephone exchange in Ajmer City is not proposed to be converted into electronic type. However, a new 4000 lines Digital Electronic exchange has been planned for Ajmer City during 8th Plan period.

[*English*]

Roads and Bridges Constructed Under Central Road Fund in Maharashtra

10356. SHRI VASATN SATHE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the length of roads other than National Highways and number of bridges constructed in Maharashtra under the Central Road Fund during last three years; and

(b) the details of roads and bridges projects approved for construction during last three years for Vidarbha region district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) Since the schemes under the Central Road Fund Programme pertain to State Roads, State Government of Maharashtra is responsible for taking them up for implementation. According to them the following works have been completed during the last three years under Central Road Fund:

- (i) Improvement to Akola-Akot Road in Akola District; and

- (ii) Consturction of bridge across Pothra Nall on Nadori-Washi-Kora Raod in Wardha District.

(b) The following two road schemes have been approved under the Central Road Fund:

- (i) Improvement of Chandur Bazar Morshi Road in Amaravti District (Estimated cost Rs. 25 lakhs)
- (ii) Improvement to Akola-Akot Road in Akola District (Estimated cost Rs. 20 lakhs).

No bridge work has been approved during the last three years.

Estlmabishment of Farm Machinery Training and Testing Institute in Maharashtra

10357. SHRI VASANT SATHE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for the eastablishment of a Farm Machinery Training the Testing Institution in Vidarbha region of Maharashtra.

(b) if so, when;

(c) the steps taken so far in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR):
(a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Question does not arise.

(d) Sufficient facilities have been created with the establishment of the Farm Machinery Training and Testing Institutes, one at Budni (Madhra Pradesh) and the other at Garladinne, Distt. Anantapur (Andhra Pradesh).

Opening of New Branch Post Office and Sub-Post Offices in Vidarbha Region

10358. SHRI VASANT SATHE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to open some new branch post offices and sub-post offices in Vidarbha region;

(b) if so, the names of the places, district-wise where branches and sub-post offices are to be opeed during 1990-91; and

(c) the detailed programme thereof during the Eighth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) There are sanctioned proposal for opening branch post offices in Vidarbha region.

(b) The information is furnished in at attached Statement.

(c) The detailed programmes of extension of postal network is to be worked out after the Department's Eighth Plan is approved and the norms for opening post offices during the Eighth Plan are finalised.