

Besides, many heavy bills also come to us. Whatever the Madam has said is quite correct. I complained about my telephone 5-6 times but received only a vague reply. Once an officer of your department said that they have watched my telephone and that I rang up Bombay. When I said that I did not ring up Bombay, he replied that the name "Tulsiram" is used only in Maharashtra and not in Andhra Pradesh. I even asked that officer to get me a number connected with this. Ever since then he has been absconding and has not even got me any number. Therefore, the hon. Minister should look into it. There are many other hon. M Ps, who received such telephone bills. I want to submit to the hon. Minister that we will gain nothing by avoiding this issue. You will have to allow some rebate in such cases. . .

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : Tulsiramji, for God's sake have mercy on us. You first tell us whether the abuse was sweet or bitter.

SHRI V. TULSIRAM : It was not sweet but bitter.

SHRI BIR BAHADUR SINGH : Whenever such complaints are received we get them investigated...*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER : You get it enquired into and arrive at a conclusion. Many such complaints are received.

SHRI BIR BAHADUR SINGH : Sir, there is a heavy demand for electronic exchanges where people get all kinds of facilities. Attempts are being made to set up such exchanges all over India. We try to establish it according to the capacity.

Districts linked by S. T. D. in Madhya Pradesh

*273. SHRI KAMMODILAL JATAV : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number and names of districts in Madhya Pradesh linked by S.T.D. during the last three years and the number of districts yet to be linked by S.T.D.; and

(b) the time by which the remaining districts are likely to be linked by S.T.D. ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) (i) 12 District Headquarters in Madhya Pradesh have been linked by S.T.D. during the last three years. These are :—

Bhind, Dewas, Dhar, Gwalior, Mandsaur, Morena, Rewa, Raigarh, Satna, Seoni, Sehore and Vidisha.

(ii) 24 District Headquarters in Madhya Pradesh are yet to be linked by S.T.D.

(b) The 24 remaining District Headquarters in Madhya Pradesh have been planned to be linked by STD during the 7th Plan.

SHRI KAMMODILAL JATAV : Hon. Minister has stated that 12 districts have been linked by S.T.D. and 24 districts are to be linked while there are as many as 45-46 districts in Madhya Pradesh. As such 10 districts have been left out right. I want to know from the Hon. Minister the reasons for excluding 10 districts outright and names of districts proposed to be linked by S.T.D. In coming 6 months ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BIR BAHADUR SINGH) : Sir, as has been stated, remaining 24 districts in Madhya Pradesh are proposed to be linked by S.T.D. and it has further been stated that these districts will be linked by S.T.D. in the remaining 1½ years of seventh five year plan.

SHRI KAMMODILAL JATAV : Sir, I would like to submit that my constituency Morena has been linked by S.T.D. but there are some big towns in my constituency such as Shyampur, Sabalgarh, Porsa and Amba which are market centres for wheat mustard and ghee. May I know as to when these towns are likely to be linked by S.T.D. ?

SHRI BIR BAHADUR SINGH : First of all, we will link district headquarters by S.T.D. and with the increase of capacity, we shall try to link tehsils by S.T.D.

[English]

SHRI R. P. DAS : Three years of the 7th Plan have already elapsed. Only twelve districts of Madhya Pradesh are to be linked by STD, out of 36. There are 434 districts all over the country, including those in Madhya Pradesh. I would like to know how many districts so far have been linked by STD.

MR. SPEAKER : The question today is only about Madhya Pradesh, and about the commitment of Government.

SHRI R. P. DAS : What are the problems that stand in the way of linking.

MR. SPEAKER : Do you have any question regarding Madhya Pradesh now ?

SHRI R. P. DAS : The Minister can at least cite problems due to which STD could not be provided.

MR. SPEAKER : It is a question regarding Madhya Pradesh.

SHRI R. P. DAS : The point also remains that there are only two years left for the close of the 7th Plan. How can all the districts be linked by STD in the 7th Plan—at least the districts in Madhya Pradesh ?

[Translation]

SHRI BIR BAHADUR SINGH : Sir,

I have already stated that these will be linked by S.T.D. in Madhya Pradesh.

[English]

Use of All India Radio for campaign against social evils

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*274. **SHRI PRAKASH CHANDRA :
SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA
GAVIT :**

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to use the All India Radio effectively for their campaign to eradicate social evils of dowry, untouchability and curb forces fanning communal disharmony in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) and (b) A statement is given below.

Statement

Certain well defined policy guidelines are already laid down for mounting programmes to eradicate social evils and to encourage forces of unity and National Integration.

The statistical details relating to programmes broadcast from All India Radio Stations on different themes are furnished in the Annexure.

Annexure

Statistical Abstract of Programmes on Campaign themes (Average in a Month)

S. No.	Name of the Theme	No. of Programmes
1	2	3
1.	National Integration	4,540