

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) (a) Yes, Sir

(b) The construction work is likely to start during the current financial year

(c) The Postal Department does not have any open plot for Post Office in West of Dahisar and there is at present no proposal to construct a building for post office there

News Item Captioned "Jawans on Rampage at Railway Station"

1957 SHRI PRAKASH CHANDRA
SHRI MANPHOOL SINGH
CHAUDHARY

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report appearing in the Hindustan Times dated 6 July 1989 under the caption 'Jawans on rampage at Railway Station' wherein it has been stated that a large number of Army jawans based in Bikaner, armed with iron rod and lathis, went on a rampage at the Lalgarh railway station (near Bikaner) and brutally beat up the Railway Staff and Passengers on 5 July 1989,

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto, and

(c) whether any enquiry into this incident has been ordered and if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHRI D L BAITHA) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A Court of Inquiry has been

ordered. Its report is awaited.

Setting up More Electronic Telephone Exchanges

1958. SHRI PRAKASH CHANDRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) whether Government propose to set up more Electronic Telephone Exchanges in the country during Seventh Plan period;

(b) the number of electronic and non-electronic exchanges at present in the country, State-wise,

(c) the number of electronic exchanges likely to be set up in the country during the next three years,

(d) the funds allocated for this purpose, and

(e) the time by which all non-electronic telephone exchanges will be converted into electronic exchanges particularly in the capital?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) (a) Yes, Sir

(b) As on 31.3.1989

(i) Electronic exchanges - 406

(ii) Non-electronic exchanges- 13311

(Statewise details are given in the statement below

(c) 5442 subject to availability of resources and equipment

(d) About Rs. 2445 crores are required for this purpose.

(e) There is no policy to convert all non-electronic telephone exchanges into electronic exchanges in the country. However in

the capital, all non-electronic exchanges are likely to be converted into electronic by the year 2000 AD.

STATEMENT

Number of electronic and non-electronic exchanges (Statewise) as on 31.3.1989.

<i>State</i>	<i>No. of Electronic exchanges</i>	<i>No. of non-electronic exchanges</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>
Andhra Pradesh	47	1989
Assam	05	0201
Bihar	08	0426
Gujarat	18	0910
Haryana	07	0284
Himachal Pradesh	06	0268
Jammu & Kashmir	09	0107
Karnataka	38	1434
Kerala	18	0616
Madhya Pradesh	35	0964
Maharashtra	51	1461
Nagaland	03	0029
Meghalaya	—	0025
Arunachal Pradesh	01	0033
Tripura	—	0035
Manipur	01	0021
Mizoram	02	0010

1	2	3
Orissa	07	0388
Punjab	11	0488
Rajasthan	28	0756
Tamil Nadu	32	1234
Uttar Pradesh	35	1109
West Bengal	17	0487
Delhi (U.T.)	27	0027
Total	406	13311

Delays in Project Implementation

1959. SHRI S. B. SIDNAL: Will the Minister of PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has taken measures for tackling the problem of delays in implementation of projects if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether his Ministry had recently made an analysis of 297 projects which had suffered delays of various duration; and

(c) if so, the outcome of the analysis made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PLANING AND MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI):

(a) Ministry of Programme Implementation, by constantly highlighting the slippages in project implementation, generates pressure

on implementing agencies to improve the performance levels. Various measures taken for tackling the problem of delays in implementation include-

- Engagement of Consultants to pinpoint problem areas and suggest solutions.
- Convening inter-ministerial meeting to consider problem projects.
- Innovative efforts such as setting up of project facilitation management team.
- Instituting merit award for project implementation.
- Preparation of project implementation manual.
- Site visits of MPI officers to appre-