

43.	Sonblidra	21
44.	Jaunpur	33
45.	Chamoli	34
46.	Pauri	10
47.	Tehri	12
48.	Uttarkashi	-
49.	Muzaffarnagar	64
50.	Saharanpur	25
51.	Hardwar	10
52.	Dehradun	42
53.	Lucknow	96
54.	Varanasi	148
55.	Allahabad	39
56.	Ghaziabad	116
57.	Bulandshahar	87
58.	Agra	31
59.	Ferozabad	17
60.	Merrut	102
61.	Kanpur City	5
62.	Kanpur Dehat	45
63.	Unnao	22

Total	2725
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AIR stations in Hilly areas of U.P.

1553. SHRI DEVI BUX SINGH :
SHRI BALRAJ PASSI :

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

(a) whether the Government propose
to set up AIR stations in Hilly districts of Uttar
Pradesh, particularly in Tehri Garhwal or
Uttarkashi ;

(b) if so, whether any survey has
been conducted in this regard ;

(c) if so, the details thereof ;

and
(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND
BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO)
: (a) to (d) : Yes, Sir. There is an ongoing
scheme to set up a Radio Station at Uttarkashi
with a 1 KW MW Transmitter. Its installation
is almost complete.

Centres for Telephones Bills

1555. SHRIMATI KRISHNENDRA
KAUR (DEEPA)
SHRI CHETAN P. S.
CHAUHAN :

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have
evolved any scheme regarding payment of
telephone bills in some selected Central
Telegraph Offices, Departmental Telegraph
Offices and Telecommunications Centres ;
and

(b) if so, the number of such
offices in the country where this facility is
likely to be provided initially ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI
SUKH RAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The number of such offices in the
country where this facility is provided so far
in 855.

CBI Report on M.T.N.L. Directory .

1556. SHRI MAHESH KANODIA :
Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS : be
pleased to state :

(a) whether the CBI has
submitted its investigation report in respect
of the irregularities committed in the
publication of Telephone Directory by the
M.T.N.L. Officials.

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard and when the report was received by the Government ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) Yes, Sir. (b) The details of the lapses pointed out by the CBI are : -

1. Allowing increase in LC amount from Rs. 6 crores to Rs. 10.15 crores to the contractor without ensuring that the conditions stipulated in the supplemental contract, are fulfilled.
2. The contract was vaguely worded with regard to number of telephone directories to be supplied as well as with regard to the powers of the contractor in enhancing the rates of bold and additional entries.

(c) the CBI report was received in the Department on 03.03.1993. CBI recommended action as deemed fit, against two officers.

On examination of the report and perusal of the explanation of all the officers, no malafide intention was noticed on their part. The decisions were taken by the officers in their collective wisdom after weighing the pros and cons and also keeping in view the circumstances prevailing at that point of time. Therefore, it has been decided in consultation with CVC to close the case.

[English]

T.V. Programmes

1557. SHRIMAI GEETA MUKAHERJEE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state : (a) whether the Government have received representations from the forum of Public Schools about the recent trends in T.V. Programmes ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO) : (a): No, Sir.

(b) and (c) . Do not arise .

Upgradation of post offices in Orissa

1558.DR. KARTIKESWAR PATRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of proposals received by the Government to upgrade sub-post Offices to branch post offices during 1993 in Orissa :

(b) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in the matter ; and

(c) the funds allocated for the purpose, if any ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) The Government have received 30 proposals to upgrade extra departmental branch post offices to departmental sub post offices in Orissa during 1993.

(b) Sanction has so far been issued for upgradation of one extra departmental branch post office to departmental sub post office. Action for fulfilling the target of opening 4 departmental sub post offices in the current year is under-way and is expected to be completed by March, 1994 .

(c) An amount of Rs. 4 lakhs has been allocated for opening post offices in Orissa in the current year .

Digital video phones .

1559. SHRI RAM KAPSE : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :