

Pending Applications for Telephone Connections in Bihar

1759. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of applications for telephone connections pending in Bihar;

(b) whether there is any scheme of the Government for the early disposal of such applications;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which the pending applications are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) 17478 as on 31.1.90.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The following major exchanges are proposed for expansion during the period 1990-9@ subject to timely availability of equipments and approval of the Plan by the Planning Commission.

<i>Name of Exch.</i>	<i>Proposed Expn.</i>	
1	2	
Patna Main	3K	lines
Patna City	1K	"
Rajendra Nagar	5K	"
Gaya	1K	"
Ranchi	2K	"
Dhurwa	1K	"
Muzaffarpur	2K	"
Bhagalpur	1K	"
Darbhanga	1K	"
Adityapur	1K	"
Dhanbad	2K	"

(d) The waiting list is proposed to be cleared progressively by the middle of the

8th Five Year Plan