

(a) the number of villages in Tamil Nadu without postal facilities as on December 31, 1991;

(b) the number of villages in which proposals for setting up postal facilities are pending; and

(c) the reasons for delay and by when these facilities are likely to be provided in rest of the villages?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYANAIDU): (a) None. Though 6206 villages in Tamil Nadu lack Post Office facility, their postal requirement is fully met through the existing postal network of the State.

(b) The opening of new Post Offices in rural areas in an on-going activity under the annual plans. During current year, so far 33 Post Offices have already been sanctioned and 4 more are being sanctioned.

(c) In view of (b) above, does not arise.

Encroachment upon Land of I.A.A.I. in Bombay

4066. SHRI RAM NAIK. Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the total area of land belonging to the International Airport Authority of India (IAAI) in Bombay;

(b) whether the land owned by IAAI has been encroached upon by the slum dwellers; and

(c) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken to clear the encroachment?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION

AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) 1875 acres.

(b) Yes, Sir. Currently about 200 acres of IAAI land at Bombay is encroached.

(c) A number of meetings have been held between senior officers of IAAI, Ministry of Civil Aviation and State authorities to draw up a plan for clearance of slum from IAAI land. About 200 acres of land has been proposed for acquisition by the Government of Maharashtra for purposes of resettling the encroachers. IAAI has already paid Rs. one crore to Maharashtra Housing and Area Development Authority as advance towards this work in 1987. The acquisition proceedings of the land have been held up due to litigation.

[*Translation*]

Daltonganj Doordarshan Centre in Bihar

4067. SHRI RAMDEV RAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state.

(a) whether a population of only 5 lakhs, out of the total population of 26 lakhs of Palamu district, is getting the benefit from Daltonganj Doordarshan centre in Bihar,

(b) whether the people of Garwa Nagar, Bhavnathpur, Latehar, Chandra, Balumath, Japla and Hussainabad are not able to view the telecast properly; and

(c) is so, the time by which it is proposed to increase the range of the Centre?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) to (c). The high power TV transmitter at Daltonganj was initially commissioned on reduced power of 1KW, as an interim set-up

in March '91. The transmitter has since been commissioned on its full radiating power of 10 KW with effect from 30th Aug '91 and is providing satisfactory service to the whole of Palamu district including Garwa Nagar, Bhavnathpur, Latehar, Chandra, Balumath, Japla and Hussainabad.

Post Offices in Madhya Pradesh

4068. SHRI SURAJBHANU SOLANKI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of sub post offices and the branch post offices in Madhya

Head Post Offices	—	52
Departmental Sub Post Offices	—	1335
Extra Departmental Sub Post Offices	—	98
Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices	—	9483

(b) and (c). Yes Sir, during the year 1991-92 so far 94 extra departmental branch post offices have been sanctioned for opening in Madhya Pradesh. While it is proposed to open post offices in Madhya Pradesh during the year 1992-93, it is not feasible to indicate at this stage the number of post offices likely to be opened during that year as the targets for that year in this respect have not been finalised.

Post and Telephone Facilities to Panchayats in Rajasthan

4069. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Panchayat headquarters provided with telephone facilities and post offices district-wise in Rajasthan during the last six months:

Pradesh at present separately;

(b) whether any request has been received for opening new post offices in the State particularly in rural areas; and

(c) if so, the total number of post offices, sub post offices and branch post offices likely to be opened during 1992-93?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Total number of post offices as on 31.12.91 in Madhya Pradesh is 10968. Category-wise break-up is as under:-

(b) the number of Panchayat headquarters to be provided with telephone and postal facilities during 1992-93;

(c) whether the Government have appointed special staff to ensure proper care and functioning of the telephones provided to the Panchayats; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) 1094 and 112 respectively (during the period 1.9.91 to 29.2.92). District-wise details of post offices is given in attached statement. District-wise details of Panchayat headquarters provided with telephone facility is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House

(b) Plan for 1992-93 are being finalised.