

Telephone to Panchayats in Haryana

868. SHRI AVTAR SINGH BHADANA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Gram Panchayats in Haryana, district-wise where telecommunication facilities have been provided till January 31, 1995 and the number of those where such facilities are proposed to be made available during the current year; and

(b) the number of villages in Haryana especially in Faridabad district where Post and Telegraph facilities are available and the number of those where such facilities are proposed to be made available during the next three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) the number of gram Panchayats in Haryana having public telephone facility till January 31, 1995 is 4,029. During the current year, Public telephones to 420 Gram Panchayats have been proposed to be made available. The districtwise details are given in the attached statement.

(b) (i) The number of villages in Haryana where telegraph facility is available upto January, 31, 1995 is 4,367. In Faridabad district such facility is available to 196 villages. The number of villages where such facility are proposed to be made available during the next three years is 2,823.

(ii) In Haryana, 2,270 villages have post office facility. In the district of Faridabad, Haryana, 87 villages have been provided with post offices. Post Offices are progressively opened taking into consideration the various prescribed norms, subject to the availability of resources/targets. As such, no time frame can be given.

STATEMENT

District-wise details of Panchayats in Haryana with Existing and Proposed Telecom Facility

Sl. No.	Name of District	No. of Panchayats with Telecom facility upto 31-1-95	No. of Panchayats proposed to be made available with telecom facility during the current year
1.	Ambala	434	50
2.	Yamuna Nagar	310	30
3.	Karnal	185	15
4.	Kathal	144	40
5.	Panipat	117	15
6.	Kurukshetra	276	15
7.	Rohtak	298	30
8.	Bhiwani	287	30
9.	Sonapat	272	30
10.	Faridabad	196	35
11.	Gurgaon	252	30
12.	Rewari	215	15
13.	Mahendargarh	190	15
14.	Hissar	362	20
15.	Sirsa	232	20
16.	Jind	259	30
		4,029	420

*[English]***HUDCO Housing Scheme**

869. SHRI ASTBHUJA PRASAD SKUKLA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether HUDCO has introduced any housing scheme for individual housing;

(b) if so, the objectives for the said scheme; and

(c) the cities in which the said scheme is likely to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) No, Sir. Retail financing for individual housing has not been introduced so far.

(b) & (c) Question does not arise in the light of (a) above.

*[Translation]***Development of National Highways**

870. SHRI ANAND AHIRWAR: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the road development work between the Sagar-Jhansi section of the National Highway has been completed;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the time by which the road development work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (d) Development of National Highways is a continuous process and the works are carried out in stages under various Five Year Plans depending upon the availability of funds and overall priorities. Works costing Rs. 439.68 lakhs are currently in progress in this Section of National Highway No. 26 between Sagar and Jhansi. Construction of Lalitpur bypass between Km. 87.139 and Km. 94.000, construction of laybye at Km. 97 and strengthening of existing road in Km. 147 to Km. 156 are in various stages of progress and are targeted for completion by December, 1996.

Visit of Secretary of State and commonwealth Affairs of UK

871. SHRI BARELAL JATAV: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Secretary of State and Commonwealth Affairs of UK visited India recently; and

(b) if so, the leaders with whom he held talks, subjects discussed and the outcome of the talks?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) & (b) The Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs of the UK, Mr. Douglas Hurd, visited India from 5-7 January, 1995. He called on PM and held talks with the Minister of External Affairs, Finance Minister, Home Minister and the Minister of State for External Affairs. The principal subjects covered