

(a) whether Government have a proposal to make a microwave link between the two capitals of India and Bangladesh via Calcutta;

(b) if so, when this proposal is going to be implemented; and

(c) the details about the agreement made in this connection between India and Bangladesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KARTIK ORAON): (a) No, Sir. However, a transborder microwave system between Krisnanagar (India) and Chuadanga (Bangladesh) was planned for linking the existing networks in the two countries.

(b) The trans-border microwave link has been completed and formally commissioned on 19-5-81.

(c) As per the understanding between India and Bangladesh, cost of equipment on the Indian side would be borne by the Indian Administration and the cost of equipment in Bangladesh would be borne by the Bangladesh Administration. It was also mutually agreed to augment initially the existing manual circuits and provide in future semi-automatic/automatic working facility between the two countries.

Opening of New Branch Post Offices and Public Call Offices in Orissa

315. SHRI CHRISTOPHER EKKA:
Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to provide adequate postal

and telephone facilities to various States during the Sixth Plan period;

(b) if so, whether more new Branch Post Offices and Public Call Offices are proposed to be opened in Orissa during the above plan period;

(c) the total number of Branch Post Offices and Public Call Offices are going to be opened in Sundargarh District of Orissa; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KARTIK ORAON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Total number of branch post offices proposed to be opened in Sundergarh Distt. during the Sixth Plan period is not finalised in advance. Proposals are examined from year to year and approved if found justified as per departmental norms.

Branch Post Offices in 7 villages have been opened during 1980-81. 4 more branch post offices have been approved for opening during the year 1981-82.

31 public call offices are proposed to be opened in Sundargarh Distt. of Orissa during the Sixth Plan period.

(d)* Details of post offices opened in 1980-81 and those approved for 1981-82 are given in attached Statement-I. The details of public call offices proposed are given in attached Statement-II.

Statement—I

Name of the villages whose Branch Post Offices were opened during 1980-81.	Names of villages where branch post offices are approved for opening during the year 1981-82.
1. Gopinathpur	1. Kasada
2. Hamarimunda	2. Bhutuda
3. Gangapurgada	3. Kuanmundra
4. Gilli	4. Bandhabhuin
5. Barghat	
6. Sindega	
7. Kanakjhore	

Statement—II*Details of Public Call Offices*

1. Mahulpada	17. Kenkuda
2. Sarsara	18. Sahaj
3. Ruguda	19. Birbira
4. Khunfagaon	20. Manjhapada
5. Jarada	21. Rajpur
6. Bimalgarh	22. Karamdihi
7. Tikayatapalli	23. Gopalpur
8. Jansdihi	24. Garjangjor
9. Sole	25. Gundianihi
10. Raghunathpalli	26. Baudega
11. Buda	27. Kinjirkella
12. Banki	28. Biringatoli
13. Jhirpani	29. Mangalpur
14. Kutunia	30. Sargipalli
15. Laing	31. Laikera
16. Panchara	