

According to DVC, the number of persons in employment in DVC relating to the villages where land has been acquired is as follows:

Displaced/locals provided jobs in DVC

Project	Group 'C'	Group 'B'	Total
BTPS	362	94	456
CTPS	603	199	802
DTPS	192	46	238
Maithon	763	28	791
Konar	12	Nil	12
Putki	10	Nil	10
Panchet	153	Nil	164
Total	2095	378	2473

At Mejia which is a new project against a panel of 128 persons, 88 displaced persons have been provided employment. Balance would be recruited as and when all the units come into operation.

Opening of Office of Senior Superintendent of Postal Deptt.

4695. SHRI R.S. GAVAI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to open the Office of Senior Superintendent of Postal Department in Amaravati district of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the number of districts in the country where the office of the Senior Superintendent of the Postal Department have not been set up so far and the reasons therefor;

(e) the details of policy adopted by the Government in this regard; and

(f) the time by which such offices are likely to be set up in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) An office of Senior Superintendent of Post Offices already exists in Amaravati and there is no justification for another.

(d) The number of districts in the country where the office of Senior Superintendent of Post Offices has not been set up is 311 (as on 31.7.97) as the same is not justified as per prescribed norms.

(c) Such offices are set up on the fulfilment of one of the following prescribed norms:

(i) Existence of a gazetted head post office,

(ii) Existence of at least three non-gazetted Head Offices, and

(iii) Sanctioned clerical strength including LSG/HSG officials being 450 or more.

(f) It is not possible to indicate any specific time-limit since the norms in this regard are related to volume of traffic and other factors.

[English]

National Telecom Policy

4696. SHRI BHIM DAHAL : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the year in which the Government have framed existing National Telecom Policy;

(b) whether the Government are considering to frame new National Telecom Policy;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which it is likely to be framed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA):

(a) and (b): The existing National Telecom Policy was