

(a) whether the Union Government have sanctioned Rs. 5,527 crore for Long Term Action Plan for development of most backward and poverty stricken area of Kalandi, Bolangir and Koraput in Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any action plans for the backward tribal areas of Maharashtra and Gujarat have been prepared;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) and (b) The Government of Orissa have drawn up a Revised Long Term Action Plan (1998-99 to 2006-07) for the undivided districts of Kalahandi, Bolangir and Koraput (KBK) which consist of Central Plan and Centrally Sponsored Schemes in various sectors, namely agriculture, horticulture, watershed development, afforestation, rural employment, irrigation, health, drinking water and rural connectivity. As some of the schemes are demand driven and some involve relaxation of norms, the actual flow of funds would depend on the factors such as progress of the schemes, etc. However, in order to ensure a certain level of funds to these districts various steps have been taken including doubling of the first instalments of funds under Employment Assurance scheme (EAS) and provision of an additionality of Rs. 37 crore in the Annual Plan 1998-99 of Orissa for KBK districts. Further, RS.7 crore have been provided for emergency feeding programme and Rs. 2 crore for Mobile Health Units under Basic Minimum Services (BMS).

(c) to (e) The planning and Development of an area and allocation of funds for that purpose is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Government. The Central Government supplements the efforts of the State Government in the development of backward areas including the tribal areas of Maharashtra and Gujarat through Special Area Programme, namely Tribal Sub Plan (TSP). In addition, various poverty alleviation schemes such as Jawahar Rojagr Yojana, Employment Assurance Scheme, etc. are also in operation in these areas.

[Translation]

Setting up of STD/PCO Booths

1812. SHRI SURESH CHANDEL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the details of the targets fixed for setting up of STD/ISD/PCO Booths in the country during the Ninth Five Year Plan, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): Targets for STD/PCOs are fixed on yearly basis. Target for 1998-99 State-wise is given in the attached Statement.

Statement

Targets for STD Public Telephones for 1998-99

Sl. No	Name of Circle/District	STD/ISD PCOs
1	2	3
1.	A&N	35
2.	A.P.	6000
3.	Assam	1500
4.	Bihar	6000
5.	Gujarat	4500
6.	Haryana	1715
7.	H.P.	750
8.	J & K	750
9.	Karnataka	6000
10.	Kerala	2250
11.	M.P.	6000
12.	Maharashtra	7500
13.	N.E.	750
14.	Orissa	900
15.	Punjab	3000
16.	Rajasthan	4500
17.	Tamil Nadu	7500
18.	U.P. (West)	4500
19.	U.P. (East)	7500
20.	West Bengal	4500
21.	Mumbai	4500
22.	Calcutta	5500
23.	Delhi	4500
24.	Chennai	3000
Total		93650

[English]

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1813. SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV:

SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE:

Will the Minister of EXTERANAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state: