

**Setting up of Telephone Exchanges in Private Sector**

2883. SHRI AJIT JOGI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephone exchanges set up in private sector in the country;

(b) whether these exchanges are likely to provide better services than those of the Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons for opening of these new exchanges?

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

(a) Three Exchanges have been set up in the private sector:

(b) These exchanges are at par technology-wise with those set up by the DoT in the network. The subscriber base and the period of Service of the private exchanges are too short to assess their quality of service.

(c) and (d) Do not arise in view of above.

[English]

**STD Facility in U.P.**

2884. SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN :  
SHRIMATI KAMAL RANI :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephone exchanges functioning at present in Uttar Pradesh alongwith type and capacity thereof;

(b) whether all the telephone exchanges are having STD facility in the state;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the telephone exchanges proposed to be set up with STD facility in the State during 1998-99;

(e) whether the Government have received any complaints in regard to Cross Bar system in the state; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon?

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

(a) The details are given below:

Type	Nos. of exchanges	Capacity
(i) Electronic	2127	1815612
(ii) Electromechanical	1	5000

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The number of telephone exchange having STD facility in the state is 1431.

(d) 566 telephone exchanges are proposed to be provided with STD facility during 1998-99 (including existing as well as new proposed exchanges).

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise in view of (e) above.

[Translation]

**Doordarshan Kendras in Bihar**

2885. SHRI SURENDRA PRASAD YADAV  
(JHANJIHARPUR)  
SHRI SOM MARANDI

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Doordarshan Kendras functioning in Bihar at present;

(b) the number of Doordarshan Kendras proposed to be set up in various cities of the State;

(c) whether the Government have received any proposal regarding setting up of more Doordarshan Kendras in the State particularly at Pakur and Sahibganj; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI MUKHTAR NAQVI) : (a) 4 Doordarshan Kendras at Patna, Ranchi,

Dattanganj and Muzaffarpur are presently functioning in Bihar.

(b) There is no proposal to set up more Doordarshan Kendras in the State.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

### Construction of Post Office Buildings

2886. SHRI CHINMAYANAND SWAMI :  
DR. RAM VILAS VEDANTI :  
SHRI H.P. SINGH :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether several post offices, sub post offices do not have their own building in U.P. and Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total rent paid by the Government on this account during the last three years;

(d) whether Government propose to construct the building of said post offices in these States;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The number of post offices which do not have their own buildings in UP and Bihar are 2600 and 1226 respectively.

(c) The total rent paid by the Government on this account during the last 3 years—Rs. 4,17,68,232.03 (Four crore seventeen lakhs sixty eight thousand two hundred thirty two and paise three only) and Rs. 1,70,31,240/- (Rupees one crore seventy lakhs thirty one thousand two hundred and forty only). for U.P. and Bihar respectively.

(d) Yes, sir, in a phased manner depending on the availability of funds.

(e) the details of on-going projects in U.P. and Bihar as also the new projects which have recently been approved may kindly be perused at the statement attached.

(f) Reply as per (e) above.

### Statement

#### UTTAR PRADESH CIRCLE

##### I. ON-GOING PROJECTS

1. P.O. at Ramnagar
2. P.O. at Tilokpur
3. Dehradun HPO (Vertical Extension)
4. Gaura Partapgarh P.O.
5. P.O. at Mardah
6. P.O. at Kidwainagar P.O.
7. Jarwal P.O.
8. Kavi Nagar P.O. Ghaziabad
9. P.O. at Sirauli Gauspur
10. Sanjay Palace Agra

##### II. NEW PROJECTS APPROVED

1. Joshimath P.O.
2. Kotabagh P.O.
3. Jagdishpur Ind. area P.O.
4. Patti P.O.
5. Indranagar P.O.

#### BIHAR CIRCLE

##### I. ON-GOING PROJECTS

1. P.O. at Manjhi
2. P.O. at Lauria
3. P.O. at Barhara
4. P.O. at Raghunathpur
5. Dhanbad HPO
6. P.O. at Chakai
7. P.O. at Daudnagar
8. Motihari RMS (Deposit work)