

erosion measures for protection of Nagaghuli and Maijan area from erosion of river Brahmaputra based on the recommendations of the model studies. Flood management being a State subject, implementation of these schemes is within the perview of the Government of Assam.

Rural Telephone Exchanges

3928. SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of rural telephone exchanges set up in Orissa during the last three years, district-wise;

(b) the number out of them are out of order;

(c) the remedial measures taken by the Government to make them operational;

(d) the number of telephone installed under MARR systems totally non-functional in Orissa and to lack of maintenance, district-wise; and

(e) the funds allocated for efficient functioning of these systems during the last three years?

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

(a) No. of rural telephone exchanges set up in Orissa during the last three years are given below:-

Year	No. of Rural Telephone Exchanges
1995-96	23
1996-97	36
1997-98	26

District-wise information is in the enclosed Statement-I

(b) and (c) No telephoen exchange is out of order. All are working satisfactory.

(d) 10561 numbers of telephones installed under MARR systems till date. Out of them 2218 are out of order due to faulty equipment. District-wise information is in the enclosed Statement-II.

(e) Year-wise funds allocated for efficient functioning of these systems during the last three years are given below :-

Year	Allocation of funds (Rs. in lakhs)
1995-96	168.29
1996-97	143.56
1997-98	179.23

Statement-I

District-wise number of Rural Telephone Exchanges set up in Orissa during the last three years

Name of District	Telephone exchanges opened during		
	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
Balasore	0	2	2
Baripada	0	0	4
Berhampur	5	6	5
Bhubaneshwar	0	5	1
Bolangir	2	1	0
Bhawanipatna	0	2	0
Cuttack	2	5	5
Dhenkanal	1	6	2
Koraput	5	2	5
Rourkela	2	0	2
Sambalpur	6	7	0
Total	23	36	26

Statement-II

District-wise number of telephones under MARR systems installed and faulty in Orissa till date.

Name of District	VPTs installed on MARR systems	VPT faulty
Balasore	938	288
Baripada	840	235
Berhampur	1091	256
Bhubaneshwar	951	437
Bolangir	616	131
Bhawanipatna	608	222
Cuttack	1134	197
Dhenkanal	1071	167
Koraput	1563	110
Rourkela	516	112
Sambalpur	1233	63
Total	10561	2218

Export of Telecom Equipments

3929. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether vigorous efforts are being made to increase the export of telecom equipments and services; and