

Hazardous Wastes (Management & Handling) Rules, 1989, import of hazardous wastes from any country to India is not permitted for dumping and disposal. However, import of such wastes may be allowed for processing or reuse as raw materials after examining each case on merit. From April 1995, with the amendments to the EXIM Policy, import of hazardous wastes has been restricted to actual users with an import licence. Since June 1995, the Government has granted no such permission for import of zinc ash. During 1998, two cases have been cleared after due scrutiny only for negotiation for import of zinc ash subject to fulfilment of necessary safeguards.

(c) Does not arise as import of hazardous wastes to India is not permitted for dumping or disposal.

[*Translation*]

New Post Offices

1839. SHRI SURESH CHANDEL :
SHRI NARENDRA BUDANIA :
SHRI K.S. RAO :
SHRI MAGANTI VENKATESWARA RAO :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of post offices functioning at present in the country, State-wise and Union Territory-wise;

(b) the number of Post Offices opened during the last three years, State-wise and U.T. wise;

(c) whether the Government are aware of insufficient number of post offices in the country particularly district of Bilaspur, Hamirpur, Una and Dehra tehsil of District Kangra in Himachal Pradesh and Churu and Nagaur Districts in Rajasthan;

(d) whether Government propose to open new post offices in the country during 1998-99;

(e) if so, the details thereof. State-wise and U.T. wise; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(a) The number of post offices functioning in the country both in Urban and Rural areas, State/Union Territory-wise is given in Statement-I.

(b) The number of post offices opened during the past three years State/U.T.-wise is given in Statement-II.

(c) The total number of post offices in Bilaspur, Hamirpur, Una districts and Dehra Tehsil of Himachal Pradesh and Churu and Nagaur Districts of Rajasthan along with the average area served and population served per post office is as follows :

	Total No. of Post Offices	Average area served	Average Population served
Bilaspur District	143	8.16	2066
Hamirpur District	221	5.05	1670
Una District	185	8.32	2045
Dehra Tehsil	115	10.15	1822
Himachal Pradesh	2752	20.24 per Sq. Km.	1856
Churu District	386	43.71	4000
Nagaur District	540	58.77	3994
Rajasthan	10306	33.20	4257
All India	153021	21.48 Per Sq. Km.	5518

The number of post offices in the districts of Bilaspur, Hamirpur and Una are, therefore not insufficient as compared to the whole of Himachal Pradesh.

In Churu and Nagaur district of Rajasthan, the average population served per post office in the State as a whole.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) the allotment of targets for opening post offices is done cost of Circle-wise. The details of targets allotted to all the Postal Circles for opening post offices during 1998-99 are given in statement-III.

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

Statement-I*Post Offices in Urban & Rural Areas as on 31.3.1997*

Sl. No.	Name of State/ Union Territory	Urban	Rural	Total
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1343	14829	16172
2.	Assam	300	3518	3818
3.	Bihar	714	11091	11805
4.	Delhi	460	96	556
5.	Gujarat	859	8052	8911
	— Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1	33	34
	— Daman & Diu	4	13	17
6.	Haryana	323	2280	2603
7.	Himachal Pradesh	119	2633	2752
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	195	1413	1608
9.	Karnataka	1331	8475	9806
10.	Kerala	951	4081	5032
	— Lakshdweep	—	10	10
11.	Madhya Pradesh	1061	10180	11241
12.	Maharashtra	1315	11009	12324
	— Goa	57	193	250
13.	North-East			
	— Arunachal Pradesh	13	271	284
	— Manipur	36	636	672
	— Meghalaya	32	447	479
	— Mizoram	39	347	386

1	2	3	4	5
	— Nagaland	19	282	301
	— Tripura	50	652	702
14.	Orissa	596	7488	8084
15.	Punjab	479	3370	3849
	— Chandigarh	44	8	52
16.	Rajasthan	816	9490	10306
17.	Tamilnadu	1839	10173	12012
	— Pondicherry	33	62	95
18.	Uttar Pradesh	2084	17999	20083
19.	West Bengal	1102	7382	8484
	— Sikkim	13	183	196
	— Andaman & Nicobar	12	85	97
	Total	16240	136781	153021

Statement-II*Number of Post Offices opened during the last Three Years*

Sl. No.	Name of State/ Union Territory	1995-96		1996-97		1997-98	
		*EDBOs	**DSOs	EDBOs	DSOs	EDBOs	DSOs
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	Andhra Pradesh	5	2	6	6	10	3
2.	Assam	—	1	10	4	18	3
3.	Bihar	—	—	23	13	31	4
4.	Delhi	—	—	—	4	5	2

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
5.	Gujarat	—	4	14	20	18	3
	— Dadra & Nagar Haveli	—	—	—	—	—	—
	— Daman & Diu	—	—	—	—	—	—
6.	Haryana	1	2	7	9	13	2
7.	Himachal Pradesh	—	2	23	3	4	—
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	—	2	—	—	11	1
9.	Karnataka	1	4	9	18	24	5
10.	Kerala	—	18	3	12	7	1
	— Lakshdweep	—	—	—	—	—	—
11.	Madhya Pradesh	—	6	17	9	41	2
12.	Maharashtra	—	7	31	12	33	4
	— Goa	—	—	—	—	1	—
13.	North-East	—	—	—	—	—	—
	— Arunachal Pradesh	—	—	—	3	1	—
	— Manipur	—	—	2	—	2	1
	— Meghalaya	1	—	—	—	—	1
	— Mizoram	—	—	1	—	4	—
	— Nagaland	—	—	1	—	7	1
	— Tripura	—	—	—	—	4	—
14.	Orissa	—	—	12	—	21	3
15.	Punjab	1	2	6	5	12	2
	— Chandigarh	—	—	—	—	—	—

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
16.	Rajasthan	—	6	12	6	33	1
17.	Tamilnadu	3	2	7	4	21	3
	— Pondicherry	—	—	—	—	—	—
18.	Uttar Pradesh	—	3	38	9	57	6
19.	West Bengal	—	—	3	2	24	4
	— Sikkim	—	—	—	—	—	—
	— Andaman & Nicobar	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Total	12	61	225	139	402	52

*EDBOs — Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices.

**DSOs — Departmental Sub Post Offices.

Statement III

Annual Plan 1998-99

Sl. No.	Name of Circle	Targets allotted for opening of EDBOs (Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices)			Targets allotted for opening of DSOs (Departmental Sub Post Offices)		
		Other Areas	Tribal Areas	Total	Other Areas	Tribal Areas	Total
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	Andhra Pradesh	7	3	10	1	1	2
2.	Assam	40	10	50	1	1	2
3.	Bihar	42	18	58	2	1	3
4.	Delhi	20	—	20	3	—	3
5.	Gujarat	32	8	40	2	—	2
6.	Haryana	15	—	15	3	—	3

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
7.	Himachal Pradesh	7	3	10	1	1	2
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	20	10	30	1	—	1
9.	Karnataka	8	2	10	5	—	5
10.	Kerala	10	—	10	2	—	2
11.	Madhya Pradesh	30	20	50	1	1	2
12.	Maharashtra	46	14	60	3	—	3
13.	North-East	31	19	50	1	2	3
14.	Orissa	6	4	10	1	1	2
15.	Punjab	15	—	15	2	—	2
16.	Rajasthan	16	14	30	1	1	2
17.	Tamilnadu	7	13	10	2	—	2
18.	Uttar Pradesh	66	12	78	6	—	6
19.	West Bengal	32	8	40	3	—	3
Total		450	148	598	41	9	50

Doordarshan Transmission in Gujarat

1840. SHRI JAYSINHJI CHAUHAN : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the locations of the Low Power Transmitters set up in Gujarat; district-wise;

(b) whether the Government propose to cover certain more places by the Doordarshan transmission in the State;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which the Doordarshan programmes

could be seen at those places?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ) : (a) to (c) A statement showing locations of existing and under implementation High Power and Low Power Transmitters in various Districts of Gujarat is enclosed.

(d) Lead time involved in implementation of HPT project is about 3-4 years and that of LPT/VLPT is about 1-2 years subject to availability of adequate resources, infrastructural facilities, interest priorities and requisite manpower.