

Statement

Details of investments made during the past 5 years and major achievements in Vidharbha Region of Maharashtra Circle:

Sl. No.	Major achievements during the last 5 years	Details of Investments
1.	37 Multi Purpose Counter Machines have been installed in Vidarbha Region where 22 have been installed in Nagpur, 1 in Bhuldhana, 2 each in Chandrapur, Yeotmal and Wardha and 4 each in Amravati and Akola.	Rs. 22,57,930
2.	5 Very Small Aparture Terminals (VSATs) have been installed in Maharashtra Circle with 1 installed at Nagpur.	Rs. 50.0 lacs (for all 5 VSAT Stations)
3.	77 Post Offices were modernised in Maharashtra Postal Circle. In the Vidharbha Region, Nagpur City H.O., Wardha H.O., Amravati Camp S.O. and Chandrapur City S.O. have been modernised.	A total amount of Rs. 3.44 crores has been invested for the 77 Post Offices.
4.	1546 Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices (EDBOs) and 466 Departmental Sub Post Offices (DSOs) have been sanctioned during the 8th Five Year Plan for the whole of the country. Out of this a total number of 170 EDBOs against a target of 163 EDBOs and 62 DSOS against a target of 51 DSOS have been sanctioned for Maharashtra Postal Circle.	A sum of Rs. 16.50 crore approximately has been invested in this regard for the whole of the country which includes Maharashtra Circle as well.
5.	Upgradation of Speed Post Centers and Modernisation of Premium Products.	A total sum of Rs. 51.10 lacs has been invested for this purpose for the whole of Maharashtra Circle.

Separate Compartment for Ladies

5259. SHRI P.C. CHACKO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kerala Women's Commission had submitted a representation to the Government that in the long distance trains two compartments should be exclusively for ladies and separate colour with a picture of women should also be deployed;

(b) if so, whether the Government had assured some time back to reserve two compartments for ladies and also separate colour and picture of a woman on them;

(c) if so, whether the implementation of the said assurances have not taken place so far;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the time by which these are likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) No, Sir. However, Southern Railway has been instructed to identify some passenger trains in Kerala, justifying earmarking of full II class coach for Ladies and marshal the ladies compartment in the middle, painted with a picture of the woman.

Action against Black Listed Firms

5260. SHRI P. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Telecommunications has initiated action against the black listed telecom firms;

(b) if so, the number and names of such firms; and

(c) the details of action taken against these firms?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) No, Sir. However action has been initiated to ban business activities against some firms.

(b) As per the statement enclosed.

(c) An Inquiry Officer has been nominated by the Deptt. Show cause notices have been issued to all the 14 firms.