

	1	2'
2. Gujarat		
Ore		7875
Lead Metal		163
Zinc Metal		332
3. Madhya Pradesh		
Ore		615
Zinc Metal		26
4. Meghalaya		
Ore		660
Lead Metal		6
Zinc Metal		7
5. Orissa		
Ore		2167
Lead Metal		79
6. Rajasthan		
Ore		168159
Lead Metal		1997
Zinc Metal		9371
7. Sikkim		
Ore		529
Lead Metal		5
Zinc Metal		9
8. Tamil Nadu		
Ore		462
Lead Metal		3
Zinc Metal		17
9. Uttar Pradesh		
Ore		1200
Lead Metal		17
Zinc Metal		37
10. West Bengal		
Ore		2781
Lead Metal		50
Zinc Metal		67

Mineral - Granite (Unit - Thousand Cubic Metres)*

1. Assam	205520
2. Bihar	90569
3. Haryana	13600
4. Karnataka	195386
5. Kerala	30
6. Maharashtra	80828
7. Rajasthan	7

	1	2
8. Tamil Nadu		16679
9. West Bengal		4320

Besides the above states granite (Dimension Stone) is also occurring in the states of A.P., Gujarat, M.P., Meghalaya and Uttar Pradesh where the reserves have not been intimated and in orissa the resources are of prospective and prognostic category.

National Mineral Inventory as on 1.4.1990.

Telephone Facility in the Rural Areas of Andhra Pradesh

4157. SHRI VENKATARAMI REDDY ANANTHA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have taken any steps to provide telephone facility in the rural areas of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise;

(c) the target fixed to provide telephone facility to the rural area of Andhra Pradesh during the next financial year and the time by which this target is likely to be achieved;

(d) the rate of call proposed to be charged in these rural areas and the rent likely to be paid by the villages for new connections;

(e) whether the villages are also proposed to be provided with STD facility; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir. the Government has planned to provide telephone facility to all the villages of Andhra Pradesh progressively.

(b) District-wise details of Village Public Telephones provided in Andhra Pradesh upto 28.2.1997 are given in Statement-I.

(c) Targets for 1997-98 have not yet been finalised.

(d) The details are enclosed in the Statement-II.

(e) and (f) Yes, Sir. All villages will be provided with STD facility during the IXth Five Year Plan progressively.

Statement-I

S. No.	Name of the SSA	Status of Telecom facility to villages as on 28.02.1997.	
		On physical Lines	on MARR
1	2	3	4
1.	Adilabad	230	511
2.	Anantapur	566	295

1	2	3	4
3. Chittor		587	596
4. Cuddapah		453	348
5. East Godavari		804	141
6. Guntur		619	400
7. Karimnagar		532	335
8. Khammam		327	270
9. Krishna		784	277
10. Kurnool		561	334
11. Mahabubnagar		443	822
12. Medak		463	607
13. Nalgonda		428	557
14. Nellore		426	512
15. Nizamabad		309	295
16. Prakasam		294	636
17. Rangareddy		427	454
18. Srikakulam		519	638
19. Visakhapatnam		557	209
20. Vizianagaram		397	533
21. Warangal		432	262
22. West Godavari		754	209
Total		10,912	9,241

Statement-II

No. of calls	Rate of charges	
1-250	Free	
251-450	Re. 0.60 (per unit call)	
451-500	Re. 0.80	"
501-1000	Re. 1.00	"
1001-2000	Re. 1.25	"
Above-2000	Re. 1.40	"
Rent :—		
Exchange system covering the rural		bimonthly rental (Rs.)
1. Exchange systems of less than 1000 lines		100
2. Exchange systems of 1000 lines and above but below 30000 lines		200
3. Exchange systems of 30000 lines and above but below 1 lakh lines		275
4. Exchange systems of 1 lakh lines and above but below 3 lakh lines		360
5. Exchange systems of 3 lakh lines and above		380

[Translation]

Iron Ore Reserve in Bihar

4158. SHRI BRIJ MOHAN RAM : Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the iron ore reserve in Sua village of Daltanganj, district Palamu, Bihar; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the exploration work is likely to be started in this area?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Exploration for iron ore was undertaken during the seventies and a reserve of 1,35,000 tonnes was estimated. Poor quality and low reserves do not warrant further exploration.

[English]

Doordarshan Studio/Kendras, Tripura

4159. SHRI BAJU BAN RIYAN :
SHRI BADAL CHOUDHURY :

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

(a) whether Doordarshan Kendra at Agartala has been upgraded with the opening of a studio for production of programmes there;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether important events/functions in Tripura and Calcutta are also broadcast from the above Kendra;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Government also propose to start new Kendras in Tripura; and

(f) if so, the details thereof, location-wise?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A studio of about 108 Sq.m. area with associated technical area has been commissioned at Agartala in November, 1992.

(c) and (d) Important functions/events in its service region are duly covered/telecast by Doordarshan Kendra, Agartala.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Funds for Tourism Development

4160. SHRI PAWAN DIWAN : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government provide funds directly