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DEVELOPMENT OF TELECOM AND POSTAL WORK IN BIHAR

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the development works concerning Telecommunications and Postal Sector to be carried out in Bihar during the Tenth Five Year Plan in general and the current year in particular;
- (b) whether some works which were taken up during the Ninth Five Year Plan are still incomplete;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the time by which these works are likely to be completed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN)

Reply in respect of Department of Telecom

(a) A total of 367.67 lakh Direct Exchange Lines (DELs) have been tentatively planned for whole of the BSNL during 10th Plan period but circle wise planning is done only on yearly basis. The tentative development plan in respect of Bihar Telecom Circle for the current year 2003- 04 is given below:

- i) Capacity addition
 - Wired line - 130000 lines
 - WLL - 83000 lines
 - CMTS - 60000 lines
- ii) DELs - 255000 lines
- iii) OFC - 2500 Route Kms
- iv) TAX - 48000 Circuits

(b) No, Sir.

(c) & (d): Do not arise in view of (b) above.

Reply in respect of Department of Post

(a) During the 10th Five Year Plan period, the Department proposes to take up a range of developmental activities in Bihar, which would include:

- 1) Expansion of Postal Network through opening of post offices, PSSKs (Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Kendra)
- 2) Upgradation of the network's capacity through induction of technology including computerization to improve efficiency and introduction of value added services like e-post and e-billpost, financial products like prepaid cards etc.
- 3) Promotion of Philately and Premium products, including upgradation of speed post centres and upgradation of track and trace facilities.
- 4) Inservice and Computer training to the staff.
- 5) Construction of buildings for post offices, mail offices and staff quarters.
- 6) Modernization of post offices, mail offices etc.

Activities proposed to be taken up in Bihar during the current year include:

- i) Opening of 70 PSSKs (Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Kendra)
- ii) Opening of 15 Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices
- iii) Opening of a Departmental Post Office
- iv) Construction of Jahanabad RMS building

- v) Provision of Inservice training to officials
- vi) Provision of Computer Training to officials

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) & (d): The details of the Building projects taken up in Bihar during the Ninth Five Year Plan, which are still incomplete and their projected dates of completion are as indicated below:-

Sl. No.	Name of the projects	Likely date of completion of work
1	PO/SPM Qtr. Gulzarbagh, Patna	31.3.2004
2	PO/DO/IQ/SPM Qtr. Hajipur	31.3.2004
3	2 Suits of IQ at Taylor Road, Patna	31.3.2004
4	D/O at Chapra	31.3.2004
5	CSD/DAP, Patna	31.3.2005
6	6 T-II SQ at Gaya	31.3.2004
7	1 T-V SQ at Muzaffarpur	31.3.2004
8	16 SQ at Gardanibagh	31.3.2004
9	12 T-I SQ at Muzaffarpur (V/E)	31.3.2004
10	8 SQ at Lohianagar, Patna	31.3.2004
11	6 T-I SQ at Gaya	31.3.2004

These projects were taken up in the latter half of the 9th Plan and were scheduled to be completed only in the 10th Plan period.