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 Singh, Rajkumari Ratna (Pratapgarh)  
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 Singh, Shri Ajit (Baghpat)  
 Singh, Shri Bahadur (Bayana)  
 Singh, Shri Balbir (Jalandhar)  
 Singh, Shri Brij Bhushan Sharan (Gonda)  
 Singh, Shri C.N. (Machhlisshahar)  
 Singh, Shri Chandra Bhushan (Farrukhabad)  
 Singh, Shri Chandra Pratap (Sidhi)  
 Singh, Shri Chandra Vijay (Moradabad)  
 Singh, Shri Charanjit (Hoshiarpur)  
 Singh, Shri Chhatrapal (Bulandshahar)  
 Singh, Shri Digvijay (Banka)  
 Singh, Shri Jai Bhadra (Sultanpur)  
 Singh, Shri Khel Sai (Sarguja)  
 Singh, Shri Lakshman (Rajgarh)  
 Singh, Shri Maheshwar (Mandi)  
 Singh, Shri Prabhunath (Maharajganj, Bihar)  
 Singh, Shri Radha Mohan (Motihari)  
 Singh, Shri Rajo (Begusarai)  
 Singh, Shri Ram Prasad (Arrah)  
 Singh, Shri Ramanand (Satna)  
 Singh, Shri Ramjivan (Balia, Bihar)

Singh, Shri Rampal (Domariaganj)  
 Singh, Shri Sahib (Outer Delhi)  
 Singh, Shri Th. Chaoba (Inner Manipur)  
 Singh, Shri Tilakdhari Prasad (Kodarma)  
 Singh, Shri Vishvendra (Bharatpur)  
 Singh, Shrimati Kanti (Bikramganj)  
 Singh, Shrimati Shyama (Aurangabad, Bihar)  
 Sinha, Shri Manoj (Gazipur)  
 Sinha, Shri Yashwant (Hazaribagh)  
 Sivakumar, Shri V.S. (Thiruvananthapuram)  
 Solanki, Shri Bhupendrasinh (Godhra)  
 Somaiya, Shri Kirti (Mumbai North East)  
 Sorake, Shri Vinay Kumar (Udupi)  
 Sreenivasan, Shri C. (Dindigul)  
 Srikanthappa, Shri D.C. (Chickmangalore)  
 Srinivasulu, Shri Kalava (Anantapur)  
 Subba, Shri M. K. (Tezpur)  
 Sudarsana Natchiappan, Shri E.M. (Sivaganga)  
 Sudheeran, Shri V.M. (Alleppey)  
 Suman, Shri Ramji Lal (Firozabad)  
 Sunil Dutt, Shri (Mumbai North West)  
 Suresh, Shri Kodikunnil (Adoor)  
 Swain, Shri Kharabela (Balasore)  
 Swami, Shri Chinmayanand (Jaunpur)  
 Swami, Shri I.D. (Karnal)

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Thakkar, Shrimati Jayaben B. (Vadodara)  
 Thakur, Dr. C.P. (Patna)  
 Thakur, Shri Chunni Lal Bhai (Bhandara)  
 Thakur, Shri Ramsheth (Kulaba)  
 Thirunavukarasu, Shri (Pudukkottai)  
 Thomas, Shri P.C. (Muvattupuzha)  
 Tiwari, Shri Lal Bihari (East Delhi)  
 Tiwari, Shri Narayan Datt (Nainital)  
 Tiwari, Shri Sunder Lal (Rewa)  
 Tomar, Dr. Ramesh Chand (Hapur)  
 Topdar, Shri Tarit Baran (Barrackpore)

Tripathee, Shri Ram Naresh (Seoni)  
Tripathi, Shri Prakash Mani (Deoria)  
Tripathy, Shri Braja Kishore (Puri)  
Tur, Shri Tarlochan Singh (Tarantaran)

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Vaiko, Shri (Sivakasi)  
Vajpayee, Shri Atal Bihari (Lucknow)  
Varma, Shri Ratilal Kalidas (Dhandhuka)  
Vasava, Shri Mansukhbhai D. (Bharuch)  
Veerappa, Shri Ramchandra (Bidar)  
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Venkateshwariu, Shri B. (Warangal)  
Venkateswarlu, Prof. Ummareddy (Tenali)  
Venugopal, Dr. S. (Adilabad)  
Venugopal, Shri D. (Tirupattur)  
Verma, Prof. Rita (Dhanbad)  
Verma, Shri Beni Prasad (Kalsarganj)  
Verma, Shri Rajesh (Sitapur)  
Verma, Shri Ram Murti Singh (Shahjahanpur)  
Verma, Shri Ravi Prakash (Kheri)  
Vetriseivan, Shri V. (Krishnagiri)  
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Vijayan, Shri A.K. S. (Nagapattinam)

Virendra Kumar, Shri (Sagar)  
Vukkala, Dr. Rajeswaramma (Nellore)  
Vyas, Dr. Girija (Udaipur)

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Wadiyar, Shri S.D.N.R. (Mysore)  
Wanaga, Shri Chintaman (Dahanu)  
Wangcha (Shri Rajkumar (Arunachal East)

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Yadav, Shri Akhilesh (Kannauj)  
Yadav, Dr. (Shrimati) Sudha (Mahendragarh)  
Yadav, Dr. Jaswant Singh (Ahwar)  
Yadav, Shri Balram Singh (Mainpuri)  
Yadav, Shri Bhai Chandra (Khallabad)  
Yadav, Shri Devendra Prasad (Jhanjharpur)  
Yadav, Shri Devendra Singh (Etah)  
Yadav, Shri Dinesh Chandra (Saharsa)  
Yadav, Shri Hukumdeo Narayan (Madhubani)  
Yadav, Shri Jagdambi Prasad (Godda)  
Yadav, Shri Mulayam Singh (Sambhal)  
Yadav, Shri Ramakant (Azamgarh)  
Yadav, Shri Sharad (Madhepura)  
Yerrannaidu, Shri K. (Srikakulam)

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Zahedi, Shri Mahboob (Katwa)  
Zawma, Shri Vanlal (Mizoram)

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## LOK SABHA

Monday, July 23, 2001/Sravana 01, 1923 (Saka)

*The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the Clock*

(MR. SPEAKER in the Chair)

[English]

### NATIONAL ANTHEM

*The National Anthem was played.*

### MEMBERS SWORN

11.03 hrs.

[English]

MR. SPEAKER : The names of the newly elected Members in recent by-elections will now be called by the Secretary-General for the purpose of taking oath or making and subscribing the affirmation.

Shri Dalit Ezhilmalai (Tiruchirappalli)

Shri Ram Murti Singh Verma (Shahjahanpur)

Shri Prabodh Panda (Midnapore)

11.07 hrs.

### Introduction of Minister

[Translation]

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE):  
Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to introduce to the House Shri Ajit Singh, newly inducted Member of the Cabinet.

Shri Ajit Singh - The Minister of Agriculture.

11.08 hrs.

[English]

### OBITUARY REFERENCES

MR. SPEAKER : Hon. Members, as we meet today after an interval of about two and a half months, it is my sad duty to inform the House of the passing away of His Majesty King Birendra Bir Bikram Shah Dev of Nepal, Shri Shyam Lal Bansiwal, a sitting Member and nine of our former colleagues namely, Sarvashri Z.M. Kahandole, Amrit Nahata, N. Tombi Singh, Sudhakar Rao Nalk, G.Y. Krishanan, Ram Dhan, P. Ramchandran, Jagan Nath Kaushal and C.R. Pattabhi Raman.

This House wishes to place on record its deepest

condolences at the tragic and untimely demise of Their Majesties King Birendra Bir Bikram Shah Dev, Queen Aishwarya Rajya Laxmi Devi Shah and other members of the royal family of Nepal on 1 June, 2001.

King Birendra was a visionary who will be remembered by future generations for ushering in peaceful political and multi-party democracy in Nepal. This House recalls with deep appreciation the invaluable role played by him in strengthening relations with India and in building regional co-operation.

The people and leadership of this country will cherish the memory of his friendship. This House do convey our heartfelt sympathy to the people of Nepal, His Majesty's Government of Nepal and to all members of the royal family of Nepal.

Shri Shyam Lal Bansiwal was a sitting Member of Lok Sabha representing Tonk Parliamentary constituency of Rajasthan. He was also a Member of Eleventh Lok Sabha during 1996-97.

A renowned political worker, Shri Bansiwal was an active parliamentarian. He was a Member of the Committee on food, Civil Supplies and Distribution and Committee on Petitions.

A keen social worker, Shri Bansiwal worked relentlessly for the uplift of poor, downtrodden and weaker sections of the society.

Shri Shyam Lal Bansiwal passed away on 22 May, 2001 at New Delhi at the age of 54 after a brief illness.

Shri Z.M. Kahandole was a member of Fourth, Fifth, Seventh, Tenth and Twelfth Lok Sabha, from 1967 to 1977, 1980 to 1984, 1991 to 1996 and 1998 to 1999 representing Malegaon Parliamentary constituency of Maharashtra.

An active parliamentarian, Shri Kahandole served as a member of various parliamentary and consultative Committees.

An agriculturist by profession, Shri Kahandole served as Chairman, Agriculture and Cooperative Committee, Zila Parishad, Nasik from 1962 to 1967.

A keen social and political worker, Shri Kahandole was the founder of Jangal Kamgar Society. He worked relentlessly for the uplift of the tribals and also took interest in awaking them.

Shri Z.M. Kahandole passed away on 19 April, 2001 at Mumbai, Maharashtra at the age of 71.

Shri Amrit Nahata was a member of Fourth to Sixth Lok Sabha representing Barmer and Pali Parliamentary constituencies of Rajasthan from 1967 to 1979.

An able parliamentarian, he served as a member of Estimates Committee from 1977 to 1979.

An active social and political worker, Shri Nahata served his State in different capacities with distinction. He was Secretary of Red Cross Society, Jodhpur during 1969-70 and All India Peace Council during 1969-71. He also participated in cooperative movement, family planning programme, urban community development programmes and worked for public hygiene and prohibition.

A man of letters, he edited an English weekly *Aspect* and translated many books from English into Hindi. He also contributed regularly to the editorial pages of leading newspapers in Rajasthan. He produced and directed three films.

Shri Amrit Nahata passed away on 26 April, 2001 at New Delhi at the age of 73.

Shri N. Tombi Singh was a member of Fifth and Sixth Lok Sabha from 1971 to 1979 and Eighth and Ninth Lok Sabha from 1984 to 1991 representing Inner Manipur parliamentary constituency of Manipur.

Earlier, Shri Singh was a member of Legislative Assembly, Manipur from 1967 to 1969. He served as a Cabinet Minister in the State Government.

An able parliamentarian, Shri Singh was a member of various parliamentary Committees including the Estimates Committee. He was also a member of consultative Committee, Ministry of Communications in 1990.

A teacher by profession, Shri Singh was an active social worker. He took keen interest in social reforms and made significant contribution in bringing about a change in the social outlook of Manipur. He also participated in the freedom struggle. He was associated with several social, cultural and sports organisations.

A trade unionist, Shri Singh was President of Government Press Employees Association during 1957-67 and Imphal Municipal Employees Association during 1965-67. A renowned journalist, Shri Singh had the distinction of being President of All India Small Newspapers, Editors' Conference in 1985. He was founder Editor, *Manipur Times*, an English weekly and *Manipur Mail*, an English daily. He also had a lot of publications to his credit.

Shri N. Tombi Singh passed away on 6 May, 2001 at Imphal, Manipur at the age of 75, after a brief illness.

Shri Sudhakar Rao Naik was a member of Twelfth Lok Sabha during 1998-99 representing Washim parliamentary constituency of Maharashtra.

Earlier, Shri Naik was a member of Maharashtra Legislative Council during 1977-98 and Maharashtra Legislative Assembly from 1978-1993. An able administrator, Shri Naik served as a Minister in the State Government during 1977-78; 1985-86 and from 1988 to 1991 and held various important portfolios. He was Chief Minister of Maharashtra during 1991-93 and also adorned the Office of the Governor of Himachal Pradesh during 1994-95.

Shri Naik was again elected to Maharashtra Legislative Assembly, in October 1999. He was also a member of the Water Resources Committee of the State Government.

An active parliamentarian, he was also a member of the Committee on Agriculture during 1998-99.

A man of literary bent of mind, he was Editor of *Gram Swarajya* and *Sonali*, Marathi Weeklies.

An agriculturist by profession, Shri Naik was an active political and social worker. He actively participated in the Bhudan Movement launched by Acharya Vinoba Bhave.

Shri Sudhakar Rao Naik passed away on 10 May, 2001 at Mumbai at the age of 67.

Shri G.Y. Krishnan was a Member of Fourth to Seventh Lok Sabha from 1967 to 1984, representing Kolar Parliamentary Constituency of Karnataka.

Shri Krishnan was also a Member of Rajya Sabha from 1990 to 1996. An able administrator, he served as Minister of State in the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism during 1995-96.

An active parliamentarian, Shri Krishna was a member of various Parliamentary and Consultative Committees.

Hailing from an agriculturist family, Shri Krishnan was an active social and political worker. He worked relentlessly for uplift of labourers and backward classes including Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

A trade unionist, Shri Krishnan represented various trade unions.

An advocate by profession, Shri Krishnan was associated with various educational institutions.

A widely travelled person, Shri Krishnan was a member of Parliamentary Delegation to Russia in 1976. He was Vice-President of Society for "Indo-Romania Friendship" and Vice-president and Treasurer of Society for International Friendship, New Delhi.

Shri G.Y. Krishnan passed away on 20th May, 2001 at Bangalore, Karnataka at the age of 71 after a brief illness.

Shri Ram Dhan was a Member of Fourth to Sixth Lok Sabha from 1967 to 1979 and of Eighth and Ninth Lok Sabha from 1984 to 1991 representing Lalgaonj Parliamentary Constituency of Uttar Pradesh.

An active parliamentarian, Shri Ram Dhan was a member of various Parliamentary Committees. He was the Chairman of the Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes during 1977-79 and Committee on Government Assurances in 1979. He also served as the Chairman of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes from 1990 to 1995.

A veteran freedom fighter, Shri Ram Dhan took active part in freedom struggle from school days. He was detained under Defence of India Rules for two years for taking part in Quit India Movement.

An advocate and journalist by profession, Shri Ram Dhan also served as a correspondent of *Aaj and Sansar*, Hindi dailies of Varanasi; *Swatantra Bharat* of Lucknow and *Amrit Bazar Patrika* of Allahabad from 1948 to 1954.

A widely travelled person, Shri Ram Dhan was a member of Indian Delegation to United Nations General Assembly during 1977.

An active social worker, Shri Ram Dhan worked relentlessly for the welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and landless labourers. He also served on various developmental bodies. He took keen interest in rural development and in alleviation of problems faced by minority groups.

Shri Ram Dhan passed away on 23rd May, 2001 at New Delhi at the age of 80.

Shri P. Ramachandran was a Member of Sixth Lok Sabha from 1977 to 1979 representing Madras Central Parliamentary Constituency of Tamil Nadu.

Earlier, Shri Ramachandran was a member of erstwhile Madras State Legislative Assembly from 1957 to 1967.

An able administrator, Shri Ramachandran served as the Union Minister of Energy from 1977 to 1979. He also adorned the office of the Governor of Kerala from 1982 to 1988.

An agriculturist by profession, Shri Ramachandran was an active social and political worker.

Shri P. Ramachandran passed away on 23rd May, 2001 at Chennai, Tamil Nadu at the age of 80 after a brief illness.

Shri Jagan Nath Kaushal was a Member of Seventh and Eighth Lok Sabha from 1980 to 1989 representing Chandigarh Parliamentary Constituency of Union Territory of Chandigarh.

An able administrator, Shri Kaushal was Union Minister of Law, Justice and Company Affairs from 1982 to 1984.

An active parliamentarian, he was a member of various Parliamentary Committees. He served as the Chairman, Committee of Privileges from 1987 to 1989. He was also a member of Joint Committee to enquire into Bofors Contract during 1987-88.

Earlier, Shri Kaushal was a member of Rajya Sabha from 1952 to 1964. He served as the Chairman, House Committee, Rajya Sabha from 1962 to 1964.

Shri Jagan Nath Kaushal adorned the office of the Governor of Bihar from 1976 to 1979.

A lawyer by profession, Shri Kaushal also served as Advocate-General for Punjab during 1965 to 1967 and for Haryana from 1969 to 1976.

A widely travelled person, Shri Kaushal was leader of Indian Delegation to United Nations Conference on Sea and Inter-Parliamentary Union Conference held at Finland. He was also a member of Indian Parliamentary Delegation to erstwhile USSR and Mongolia during 1962.

Shri Jagan Nath Kaushal passed away on 31 May, 2001 at Chandigarh at the age of 86 after a brief illness.

Shri C.R. Pattabhi Raman was a member of Second and Third Lok Sabha from 1957 to 1967, representing erstwhile Kumbakonam Parliamentary constituency of Tamil Nadu.

An able administrator, Shri Raman served as Union Deputy Minister from 1962 to 1966 holding important portfolios and Minister of State in the Ministry of Law during 1966-67.

An active Parliamentarian, he also served as the Chairman and Member of various Parliamentary and Joint Committees including Public Accounts Committee.

A veteran freedom fighter, Shri Raman participated in the boycott of Simon Commission during 1927 and in the activities of India League in England from 1929 to 1932.

An advocate by profession, Shri Raman was associated with various educational and legal institutions. A widely travelled person, Shri Raman was a member of the Indian delegation to the Inter-Parliamentary Conference, Warsaw, Poland during 1959 and was also an Indian delegate to the Sixteenth session of the United Nations General Assembly during 1961.

A well-known social and political worker, Shri Raman worked relentlessly for the uplift of backward classes. A man of letters, Shri Raman authored several books.

Shri C.R. Pattabhi Raman passed away on 19 June, 2001 at Chennai, Tamil Nadu at the age of 95 after a brief illness.

We deeply mourn the loss of these friends and I am sure the House will join me in conveying our condolences to the bereaved families.

The House may now stand in silence for a short while as a mark of respect to the memory of the departed souls.

11.22 hrs.

*(The Members then stood in silence for a short while.)*

#### WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

*[English]*

##### Telecom Facilities

\*1. SHRI ASHOK N. MOHOL :

SHRI RAMSHETH THAKUR :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up new telephone exchanges in the rural, tribal and remote areas of the country;

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

(c) the expenditure to be incurred thereon;

(d) whether the Government propose to link all the telephone exchanges having 1000 or more lines with optical fibre cable (OFC) or microwave system in the country; and

(e) if so, the time by which all these exchanges are likely to be connected with OFC?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) to (e) During the current financial year 2001-2002, it is planned to set up 1616 new telephone exchanges in the rural and tribal areas of the country which include remote areas. Out of these, 1352 exchanges are planned for rural areas and 264 exchanges are planned for tribal areas. The overall expenditure to set up these exchanges is expected to be about Rs. 888.80 crores. State-wise information is given in the statement.

All the exchanges having 1000 or more lines are likely to be connected with reliable media like Optical fibre or Microwave by March, 2002.

#### Statement

*State-wise details of New Telephone Exchanges proposed to be set up in the Rural and Tribal areas of the country during 2001-2002 and likely expenditure to be incurred thereon*

Sl.No.	State	No. of New Exchanges planned to be set up during 2001-2002			Likely Expenditure in Crores of Rupees
		Rural Area	Tribal Area	Total	
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Andhra Pradesh	150	10	160	88.00
2	Andaman & Nikobar	2	1	3	1.65
3	Assam	24	6	30	16.50
4	Bihar	110	0	110	60.50
5	Jharkhand	0	90	90	52.80
6	Gujarat	107	20	127	69.85
7	Haryana	30	0	30	16.50

1	2	3	4	5	6
8	Himachal Pradesh	50	10	60	33.00
9	Jammu & Kashmir	20	0	20	11.00
10	Karnataka	105	20	125	68.75
11	Kerala	36	4	40	22.00
12	Madhya Pradesh	21	2	23	12.65
13	Chhatisgarh	14	28	42	23.10
14	Maharashtra	194	0	194	106.70
15	Goa	6	0	6	3.30
16	Meghalaya	0	4	4	2.20
17	Mizoram	0	2	2	1.10
18	Tripura	2	2	4	2.20
19	Arunachal Pradesh	0	4	4	2.20
20	Manipur	2	1	3	1.65
21	Nagaland	0	3	3	1.65
22	Orissa	25	25	50	27.50
23	Punjab	68	0	68	37.40
24	Rajasthan	96	4	100	55.00
25	Tamil Nadu	35	0	35	19.25
26	Uttar Pradesh (East)	74	4	78	42.90
27	Uttar Pradesh (West)	25	0	25	13.75
28	Uttaranchal	17	3	20	11.00
29	West Bengal	135	21	156	85.80
30	Sikkim	4	0	4	2.20
Total		1352	264	1616	888.80

**Termination of Services of M.D., Air India**

\*2. **SHRI SUNIL KHAN :**

**SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI :**

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased

to state :

(a) whether the services of the Managing Director of Air India have been terminated a few months back; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) and (b) The services of the Managing Director of



Air Indian have not been terminated but he stands suspended. A report was forwarded by the then acting Chief Vigilance Officer, Air India Ltd. on 8.10.2000 regarding misuse of official position by senior officers of Commercial Department, Air India including Shri M.P. Mascarenhas, Managing Director, Air India by showing undue favours to M/s. Welcome Travels ex-General Sales Agent (GSA), UK. The allegations were inquired into the Chief Vigilance Officer of the Ministry of Civil Aviation. This inquiry prima facie established that Shri M.P. Mascarenhas, Managing Director, Air India Limited (AIL), in concert with some officers of Air India Ltd. has committed misconduct by, inter-alia, misusing his official position for showing unwarranted favours of M/s. welcome Travels ex-GSA, UK by restructuring Productivity Linked Incentives (PLI) to the wrongful advantage of the ex-GSA and to the detriment of the interests of AIL for the period 1992-93 and 1997-98, which resulted in wrongful gain to M/s Welcome Travels and corresponding wrongful loss to AIL to the extent of more than Rs. 2.79 crores. Since it was apprehended that his continuance in office is likely to hamper a fair and impartial investigation and disciplinary proceedings, Shri Mascarenhas was placed under suspension by the competent authority by order dated 22.5.2001.

2. A detailed report was sent to Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) on 23.5.2001. The CVC have also been requested on 12.6.2001 for first stage advice.

3. A reference in this regard was made to Central Bureau of Investigation on 22.5.2001 who have registered a preliminary enquiry (PE) on 7th June, 2001.

4. Shri Mascarenhas has since then filed a writ petition on 13th June, 2001 in Mumbai High Court in this matter and, therefore, at present the matter is subjudice.

#### **Diversion of Excess Water of Rivers**

\*3. SHRI RAJ NARAIN PASSI :

SHRI P.D. ELANGO VAN :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have identified rivers in the country which flow into the Sea;

(b) If so, whether the Government have formulated any scheme to divert the excess water of these rivers to the rivers with less water for storage purpose;

(c) if so, whether the Government have discussed this issue with the Planning Commission; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN SETHI) : (a) to (d) The average annual precipitation received in the country in the form of rainfall and snow is estimated to be of the order of 4000 cubic km. Of this, the average annual run off in the various river basins is of the order of 1869 cubic km. The utilisable quantum has been estimated as 690 cubic km for surface water and 432 cubic km. for ground water, making total utilisable as 1122 cubic km. Against this, the present utilisation is estimated at about 605 cubic km. Balance water could be assumed to be flowing unutilised to the sea mainly in Ganga, Brahmaputra, Mahanadi, Godavari and Narmada. The Ministry of Irrigation (now Ministry of Water Resources) and the Central Water Commission formulated a National Perspective Plan for water resources development in 1980 which envisages inter-linkages among various peninsular rivers and the Himalayan rivers for transfer of water from water surplus basins to water deficit basins for optimum utilization of water resources. The plan envisages 17 water transfer linkages under the Peninsular River Development Component and 14 water transfer linkages under the Himalayan Rivers Development Component. To follow it up, the Government of India has established the National Water Development Agency (NWDA) and autonomous society in July 1982 to inter-alia carryout the water balance and feasibility studies of the National Perspective Plan. The names of all the proposed 31 inter basin transfer linkages from the presently assessed surplus basins to the deficit basins are given in the statement enclosed.

The NWDA have completed pre-feasibility of all the 31 linkages. The feasibility of 5 linkages under the Peninsular River Development Component have also been completed.

The progress made with regard to formulation of National Perspective Plan is discussed with the Planning Commission as a part of Annual Plan discussions for the finalisation of this Ministry's Annual Plan. Further, the progress in the work of NWDA is periodically discussed in its Governing Body in which Planning Commission is represented.

#### **Statement**

*List of Proposed Water Transfer Links for which Prefeasibility Reports have been prepared by NWDA*

#### **Peninsular Rivers Development Component**

1. Mahanadi (Manibhadra) - Godavari (Dowlaiswaram) link.
2. Godavari (Polavaram) - Krishna (Vijayawada) link.
3. Godavari (Inchampalli) - Krishna (Pulichintala) link.

4. Par-Tapi link.
5. Ken-Betwa link.
6. Kalisindh-Chambal link.
7. Pamba-Achankovil-Vaigai link.
8. Godavari (Inchampalli) - Krishna (Nagarjunasagar) link.
9. Godavari (Inchampalli Low Dam) - Musi & Krishna (Nagarjunasagar Tail pond) Links.
10. Damanganga-Tansa link.
11. Bedti-Varda link.
12. Netravati-Hemavati Link.
13. Krishna (Nagarjunasagar) - Pennar (Somasila) link.
14. Krishna (Srisailem) - Pennar (Podattur) Link.
15. Krishna (Almatti) - Pennar link.
16. Pennar (Somasila) - Cauvery (Grand Anicut) link.
17. Cauvery (Kattalai) - Vaigai - Gundar link.

#### **Himalayan Rivers Development Component**

1. Kosi-Mechi link
2. Kosi-Ghaghra link
3. Gandak-Ganga link
4. Ghaghra-Yamuna link
5. Sarda-Yamuna link
6. Yamuna-Rajasthan link
7. Rajasthan-Sabarmati link
8. Chunar-Sone Barrage link
9. Sone Dam-Southern Tributaries of Ganga link
10. Brahmaputra-Ganga link (Manas-Sankosh-Tista-Ganga)
11. Farakka-Sunderbans link
12. Ganga-Damodar-Suarnarekha link
13. Subarnarekha-Mahanadi link
14. Jogighopa-Tista-Farakka link.

**Note :** Feasibility studies for all the above links have been completed.

#### **Hike in Postal Tariffs**

\*4. SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHARA MURTHI :

SHRI SHIVAJI MANE :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have recently hiked the postal tariffs;

(b) if so, the criteria adopted in revising the postal tariffs;

(c) whether the Union Government have declared 2001 a "Year of Book";

(d) if so, the impact of hike in postal tariff on the various schemes under "Year of Book";

(e) whether the Federation of Indian Publishers has made any request in this regard to the Government;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard;

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) to (g) The Government have revised postal rates with effect from 1st June, 2001 in respect of some of the services. While fixing the rates of postal services the interest of common man, the cost of providing such services and the role of postal services in meeting the requirements of all customers in the society etc. are taken into account. Even with the increased rates most of these postal services will generate revenue far less than their respective cost of operation. The Union Government have declared the year 2001-2002 a "Year of Book". However, the impact of revision of postal tariff will not be felt as some of the postal rates have been revised marginally after a gap of 10 to 14 years. Besides, a concessional fee of Rs. 2.50 is payable for value payable book packet containing printed books, the value of which does not exceed Rs. 50/-.

The Federation of Indian Publishers requested to maintain the existing tariff and wanted no revision of rates for the next 10 years. The issue regarding increase in postal rates as raised by the Federation of Indian Publishers were considered and discussed in an inter Ministry level meeting on 9th April, 2001 in which the representatives of Indian Publishers were also present. In the meeting it was clarified that the revision of postal rates made offer a lapse of 10

years gap and that the increase was of marginal nature. Such periodic revisions could not be avoided.

[Translation]

### Child Labour

\*5. SHRI THAWAR CHAND GEHLOT : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) the number of child labour in the country as per the latest census State-wise;

(b) the details of action taken by the Government for banning the practice of child labour in 1998, 1999, and 2000; and

(c) the time by which a blanket ban on child labour is likely to take effect in the country along with the target set and action plan formulated in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA) : (a) Authentic information on child labour in the country is generated by the decennial census. According to the 1991 census, the number of working children in India is 11.28 million. State-wise figures on child labour are given in the statement enclosed. The figures of the 2001 census have not been published.

(b) Under the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986, no child below the age of 14 shall be employed or permitted to work in any of the occupation set forth in Part A of the Schedule or in any workshop wherein any of the processes set forth in Part B of the Schedule is carried on. Occupations and Processes are added to the Schedule on the advise of the Technical Advisory Committee. The Schedule had 5 Occupations and 11 Processes in 1986. There were 7 Occupations and 18 Processes in 1994. 6 Occupations and 33 Processes were added in 1999 and 6 Processes in 2000 bringing up the total number of Occupations and Processes to 13 and 57 respectively.

Government of India has been implementing two schemes for the welfare and rehabilitation of child labourers namely, the Scheme of National Child Labour Projects (NCLP) and the Scheme of Grants-in-aid to Voluntary Organisations. 24 new National Child Labour Projects have been sanctioned after 1998 bringing the total number of project districts to 100 in 13 child labour endemic states. Under the scheme of Grants-In-aid, projects to voluntary organisations have been sanctioned on the recommendation of the State Governments.

(c) Child Labourers is a complex socio-economic problem, which needs sustained efforts over a long period of

time. Considering the nature and magnitude of the problem, a gradual and sequential approach has been adopted for withdrawal from work and their rehabilitation. In the National Conference on the Child Labour held in New Delhi in January 2001, it was also resolved that all efforts be made for complete elimination of child labour. However, It would be the Government's endeavour to eliminate child labour in hazardous occupations by 2005.

### Statement

*State-wise Distribution of Working Children According to 1971, 1981 and 1991 Census*

Sl. No.	State/Union Territories	1971 Workers	1981 Workers	1991 Workers
1	2	3	4	5
1	Andhra Pradesh	1,627,492	1,951,312	1,661,940
2	Assam	239,349*	**	327,598
3	Bihar	1,059,359	1,101,764	942,245
4	Gujarat	518,061	616,913	523,585
5	Haryana	137,826	194,189	109,691
6	Himachal Pradesh	71,384	99,624	56,438
7	Jammu & Kashmir	70,489	258,437	**
8	Karnataka	808,719	1,131,530	976,247
9	Kerala	111,801	92,854	34,800
10	Madhya Pradesh	1,112,319	1,898,597	1,352,563
11	Maharashtra	988,357	1,557,756	1,068,418
12	Manipur	16,380	20,217	16,493
13	Meghalaya	30,440	44,916	34,633
14	Nagaland	13,726	16,235	16,476
15	Orissa	492,477	702,293	452,394
16	Punjab	232,774	216,939	142,868
17	Rajasthan	587,389	819,605	774,199
18	Sikkim	15,661	8,561	5,598

1	2	3	4	5
19	Tamil Nadu	713,305	975,055	578,889
20	Tripura	17,490	24,204	16,478
21	Uttar Pradesh	1,326,726	1,434,675	1,410,086
22	West Bengal	511,443	605,263	711,691
23	Andaman & Nikobar Islands	572	1,309	1,265
24	Arunachal Pradesh	17,925	17,950	12,395
25	Chandigarh	1,086	1,986	1,870
26	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	3,102	3,615	4,416
27	Delhi	17,120	25,717	27,351
28	Daman & Diu	7,391	9,378	941
29	Goa			4,656
30	Lakshadweep	97	56	34
31	Mizoram	***	6,314	16,411
32	Pondicherry	3,725	3,606	2,680
Total		10,753,985	13,640,870	11,285,349

\* Includes figures of Mizo district also which then formed part of Assam.

\*\* Census could not be conducted.

\*\*\* Census figures of 1971 in respect of Mizoram included under Assam.

N.B. : Figures for 1991 relates to workers of age group 5-14 years.

[English]

### Telephone Services in Villages

\*6. SHRI A.P. JITHENDER REDDY :

SHRI DANVE RAOSAHEB PATIL :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the village telephone service is not functioning properly in many parts of the country;

(b) if so, the facts thereof and the reason therefor, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) and (b) While every effort is made to provide satisfactory telephone services in villages, there are areas where due to reasons such as unsatisfactory power supply, inadequate road infrastructure and maintenance facilities, it has not been possible to ensure proper functioning of these services.

(c) The following steps are being taken to improve the services in rural areas : —

- (i) Provision of reliable transmission media to exchanges by end of March, 2002.
- (ii) Provision of generator sets to take care of long duration power break downs.
- (iii) Replacement of Analogue exchanges by digital exchanges.
- (iv) Rehabilitation/up-gradation of external plant.
- (v) Provision of VPT on WLL in a phased manner.
- (vi) Daily testing of VPT's from telephone exchanges.
- (vii) Formation of Core group in each SSA prompt restoration of VPT's.

[Translation]

### New Irrigation Schemes

\*7. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHAUDHARY : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to give a new thrust to the implementation of new irrigation schemes for small and marginal farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the funds allocated during each of the last two years for implementation of said schemes; and

(d) the names of the districts where the schemes have been implemented, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN SETHI) : (a) to (d) There are schemes under implementation aimed at giving thrust on minor irrigation and benefiting small and marginal farmers. The Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) launched on 1.4.1999, among other things, provides for taking up minor irrigation schemes for the benefit of below poverty line farmers. Subsidy is limited to 7

30% in the case of individual farmers subject to a maximum of Rs. 7500/-, 50% in the case of SC/ST beneficiaries subject to a maximum of Rs. 10000/-, and 50% for group projects without any monetary ceiling. In the last two years i.e. 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 subsidy to the extent of Rs. 806.25 lakh and Rs. 1230.05 lakh respectively has been provided under the programme. The Schemes are taken up project-wise and Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana is implemented throughout the country.

The ongoing centrally sponsored command area development programme also provides for taking up ground water development and sprinkler and drip irrigation installation in the designated irrigation commands in the country benefiting small and marginal farmers. Subsidy on matching basis is provided to the states under the scheme as per the erstwhile Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) pattern. During the last two years i.e. 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 subsidy to the extent of Rs. 304.89 lakh and Rs. 330.63 lakh respectively has been released under the programme.

Under the centrally sponsored scheme on Development of Horticulture through Plasticulture Interventions central assistance is provided for micro irrigation systems to small and marginal farmers also. The funds released under this scheme during 1999-2000 and 2000-2001, are Rs. 9510 lakh respectively.

Besides this, the expenditure in the State sector under the head of minor irrigation, which primarily provides benefits to small and marginal farmers, has been steeply increasing over the past few years.

*[English]*

#### **Unemployed Persons**

\*8. SHRI IQBAL AHMED SARADGI :

SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJ :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the unemployment rate has gone up in the recent years comparing to 1993-94 figures;

(b) the total number of unemployed persons at present in the country;

(c) whether the unemployment rate is high in rural areas; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken by the Government

to bring down the unemployment rate both in rural and urban areas?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA) : (a) to (d) The estimates of Employment and Unemployment are obtained through Labour Force Surveys conducted by the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) on a quinquennial basis. The latest survey conducted by NSSO during 1999-2000 reveals that the unemployment rate has marginally gone up when 1999-2000 figures are compared to those of 1993-94 as per Usual Principal and Subsidiary Status (UPSS) Approach. As on 1st January, 2000, there were around 9 million unemployed persons in the country. Unemployment rate in rural areas was less compared to urban areas.

The planning for employment generation is a part of the five-year Plans. The Approach to the Ninth Plan envisages priority to productive employment which will be generated in the growth process itself by concentrating on sectors, sub-sectors and technologies which are labour intensive, in regions characterized by higher rates of unemployment and underemployment.

Government is also implementing special programmes for eradication of poverty and generation of employment. The major poverty alleviation programmes, which provide employment in the rural areas, are Swarna Jayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana, Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana and Employment Assurance Scheme. In the urban areas, Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) is in operation since 1.12.97, which also seeks to provide gainful employment to the poor. Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana is being implemented as a central Plan Scheme to provide employment opportunities to educated unemployed youths in both rural and urban areas.

*[Translation]*

#### **Recharging of Water Level in Bihar**

\*9. SHRI RAJO SINGH : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Ground Water Board in collaboration with his Ministry propose to implement various schemes to recharge ground water level in various States in the country;

(b) if so, whether any concrete proposals have been worked out in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(d) the time by which the said schemes are likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN SETHI) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The Central Ground Water Board under the Ministry of Water Resources have carried out ground water recharge experiments and rain water harvesting on pilot basis in various States of the country under its Central Sector

Scheme on "Studies on Artificial Recharge of Ground Water". The Government have earmarked funds amounting to Rs. 25.00 crore for the scheme during the IX Five Year Plan. State-wise details of the proposals approved under the scheme are given in enclosed statement. The approved proposals are expected to be implemented within 1-2 years.

**Statement**

*State-wise details of proposals approved concerning  
Ground Water Recharge Scheme*

Sl.No.	State	Scheme (Nos.)	Approved Cost (Rs. in lakh)	Status
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	10	54.55	Under Implementation
2.	Assam	1	56.69	Under Implementation
3.	Bihar	4	18.69	Under implementation
4.	Delhi	14	86.43	Four schemes completed and rest are under implementation.
5.	Gujarat	3	18.95	Under Implementation
6.	Haryana	8	139.12	Three schemes are completed and rest are under implementation.
7.	Himachal Pradesh	6	81.65	Three schemes are completed and rest are under implementation.
8.	Jammu & kashmir	11	190.19	One scheme completed and rest are under implementation.
9.	Jharkhand	6	28.04	Under implementation
10.	Karnataka	1	13.75	Under implementation
11.	Kerala	9	67.62	Five schemes are at final stage of completion and rest are under implementation.
12.	Madhya Pradesh	5	53.85	Four schemes completed and rest are under implementation.
13.	Maharashtra	3	76.63	Under implementation
14.	Meghalaya	1	28.00	Under implementation
15.	Mizoram	1	28.00	Under implementation
16.	Nagaland	1	70.00	Under implementation

1	2	3	4	5
17.	Orissa	2	437.40	Under Implementation
18.	Punjab	15	251.49	Six schemes completed and rest are under implementation.
19.	Rajasthan	13	84.27	One scheme is completed and rest are under implementation.
20.	Tamil Nadu	8	198.98	One scheme is completed and rest are under implementation.
21.	Uttar Pradesh	5	37.21	Under implementation
22.	Uttaranchal	1	2.00	Under implementation
23.	West Bengal	8	167.82	Under implementation

#### **Cellular Services**

\*10. SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT :

SHRI T. GOVINDAN :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have equipped the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) with adequate resources to meet the challenges of private cellular operators/companies by making more attractive terms to its subscribers like reducing tariff charges, security deposit amount, rate of incoming call etc;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of subscribers likely to be increased as a result thereof;

(d) the steps taken by the Government to improve its cellular/mobile service;

(e) whether MTNL propose to make free incoming calls on mobile telephones; and

(f) If so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be done?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) and (b) BSNL and MTNL are profitable companies having major market share in the telecom sector. They are competent to fix competitive tariff packages within the parameters prescribed by Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI).

(c) MTNL has modified the tariff structure on 27th June, 2001 as indicated in the statement enclosed. Consequent to modifications, the registration for new cellular connections has picked up in MTNL. As against 4 to 5 registrations per day each in Delhi & Mumbai earlier, the number of registrations has increased to about 40 per day in Delhi and 55 per day in Mumbai.

BSNL has started its prepaid card service in April, 2001. Consequent to this the number of subscribers has increased from 300 to 4000.

(d) MTNL has initiated following steps to improve the cellular service :

- (i) Network optimisation is being carried out to improve the coverage and also new Base Transmission Station (BTSs) are being commissioned in adjoining areas.
- (ii) Adequate number of franchisees are being engaged to market the service.
- (iii) Roaming facilities are being extended to all the places within the country.
- (iv) Prepaid service is proposed to be started soon.

BSNL has introduced cellular service in Patna, Hazipur, Ara, Bihar Shariff, Rajgir and Barh cities of Bihar so far. They have also taken measures to bring stability to the system.

(e) and (f) There is no proposal to make incoming calls free on GSM Cellular Network. However, in the case of WLL Limited Mobile Service, the incoming calls are free.

**Statement**

*Modification in "Dolphin" Cellular Tariff by MTNL  
effective from 27th June, 2001*

	Tariff before 27th June, 2001		Tariff from 27th June, 2001
	Plan A		Plan B
Rental (Rs.)	400	250	375
Air time Outgoing/ 30 sec. (Rs.)	1.35	1.00	0.70
Air time Incoming/ 30 sec. (Rs.)	0.75	0.75	0.70

Pulse rate : 30 sec.

[English]

**ISD Rackets**

\*11. SHRI N. JANARDHANA REDDY :

SHRI ADHIR CHOWDHARY :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of ISD rackets operating in various States;

(b) if so, whether the Government have been losing crores of rupees due to such rackets every year;

(c) if so, whether such a racket has also been exposed in the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL);

(d) if so, the number of officials involved in the said racket and the extent of loss suffered by BSNL as a result thereof; and

(e) the details of steps taken by the Government against them and to check such tendencies in future?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) to (e) 75 cases of misuse of ISD resulting in revenue loss to the BSNL have been detected during the last three years. In these cases, 136 officials/officers were found involved. The loss suffered by BSNL in 28 of these cases is estimated to be around Rs. 4.62 crores and in the remaining cases, the loss could not be assessed. The following steps have been taken to check such tendencies.

(i) Old technology exchanges have been mostly replaced by new Digital exchanges.

(ii) Dedicated CBI Cells have been created in four metros exclusively for detecting and checking telecom related frauds.

(iii) Stringent action is taken against the officials/officers found involved.

(iv) A close coordination between Service provider and investigation agencies is maintained to book the offenders.

(v) Checks at telecom exchange levels have been intensified.

[Translation]

**Development of Sports in newly created States**

\*12. SHRI PUNNU LAL MOHALE :

SHRI P.R. KHUNTE :

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state :

(a) the details of funds being spent by the Government on the Nehru Yuva Kendras for the development of youth and sports and result achieved every year, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government propose to launch any special programme for the development of sports in the newly created States particularly Chhattisgarh;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (KUMARI UMABHARATI) : (a) Grants for Nehru Yuva Kendras are released to Nehru Yuva Sangathan in lump-sum for conduct of their programmes and activities. They, in turn, release the grants to individual Kendras at the prevalent rate which, at present, is Rs. 1.5 lakh per Kendra per year. State-wise position of grants for these Kendras during the last three year is given in the statement, which shows the amount spent for Youth Development programmes in each State.

(b) to (d) Like any other State, the newly created States, including Chhattisgarh, can avail of the assistance available, under the ongoing schemes for the development of sports of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, for which they may submit viable proposals. No special programme in this regard for the newly created States is envisaged at present.



Statement				
S.No.	States	Amount Spent		
		1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	11179276	10949755	8711153
2.	Assam	11328412	13979593	9637383
3.	Bihar	22117790	19821043	21338155
4.	Gujarat	8084645	8739100	7388556
5.	Haryana	8362348	8614958	7610633
6.	Himachal Pradesh	5911867	7179770	5957961
7.	Jammu & Kashmir	5867515	6492309	5944336
8.	Karnataka	9669128	9553719	6849791
9.	Nagaland	2235540	2868379	2176306
10.	Kerala	7837403	11805284	5320687
11.	Madhya Pradesh	22377380	22357200	21304705
12.	Maharashtra	13213326	14232882	14583950
13.	Manipur	4887696	5464148	4007109
14.	Meghalaya	1559013	2264231	1984623
15.	Orissa	8311700	10100067	7656852
16.	Punjab	6282386	7160464	6568087
17.	Rajasthan	12479776	12605554	12634187
18.	Sikkim	2465059	1552242	1291193
19.	Tamil Nadu	13489016	14400293	10288815
20.	Tripura	1720640	2297825	1363344
21.	Uttar Pradesh	28898424	27041049	25386434
22.	West Bengal	12599059	13177998	12089218
23.	Arunchal Pradesh	1199579	1384500	919480
24.	A & N Islands	2177288	2569941	2511960
25.	Chandigarh	353325	356652	449705

1	2	3	4	5
26.	Delhi	1765038	2075464	2297870
27.	Goa	1376200	630886	631940
28.	Mizoram	1155952	1592477	995143
29.	D & N Haveli	303969	269093	312991

#### Losses to AAI

\*13. SHRI SUNDER LAL TIWARI :

SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Airports Authority of India (AAI) has incurred heavy losses according to the latest report of Comptroller & Auditor General as reported in the 'Rashtriya Sahara' dated May 21, 2001;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) the outstanding amount against the private airlines referred to in the above report; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to realise this amount from the said airlines?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) to (d) 'Rashtriya Sahara' dated May 21, 2001 has reported about two items (i) loss to Airports Authority of India (AAI) due to faulty procedure of inviting bids and (ii) loss to Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) due to faulty decision. As regards loss to IOC due to Faulty decision, the outstanding amount against the private airlines to IOC and the steps being taken by the Government to realise the amount, information is being collected from the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas. As regards loss to AAI, it is true that Comptroller and Auditor General, in its report has observed that the contracts for Duty Free Shops, could not be awarded to highest bidder due to Management's lapse in inviting bids for running the Duty Free Shops departmentally without having expertise for the same and obtaining financial bids in the erroneous manner from the existing parties for running the shops as a concessionaire in deviation from the terms of the original tender, and AAI had to forego a total revenue of Rs. 168.75 crores upto June, 2000. The facts of the matter in this regard are as under :

In June 1995, AAI had invited pre-qualification global

tenders for selection of consultant/consolidators to assist the AAI to set up Duty Free Shopping Arcades in the additional areas identified at the five international airports of Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata and Thiruvananthapuram. In January, 1996 a Committee felt that AAI did not have sufficient experience in the running of duty free shops. Therefore, the committee decided to select a concessionaire for running duty free shops and shortlisted four parties from the bids received. Accordingly in August, 1996, AAI asked those shortlisted parties to submit financial bids. They were asked to submit bids for setting up duty free shops not only in the additional area identified in the beginning at the five international airports but also in new Terminal-2C at Mumbai, which was under construction. In June 1996, broad terms and conditions were finalised. In August 1996, financial bids were received. M/s Lion City Holding, Singapore bid highest for Terminal-2C while M/s Weitnaur Switzerland bid highest for additional area. All the bidders were asked to match with the highest offer in respect of the two segments. M/s Lion City Holding, who had been ranked higher in the technical presentation offered to hike their offer to match with M/s Weitnaur and were, therefore, asked to revalidate their Earners Money Deposit (EMD). M/s Lion City did not revalidate their EMD and therefore their offer got invalidated. It was also decided to delink Terminal-2C at Mumbai as it was still under construction and also to consider the offer of M/s Weitnaur.

2. While negotiating the contract terms with M/s Weitnaur, AAI noticed some legal infirmity in tender procedure i.e. the pre-qualification for tenders invited in 1995 were for consultant/consolidators to assist AAI, whereas the final proposed award was for concessionaire. In May, 1998 AAI took a decision to reject the tender due to this legal infirmity. If the tenders had been awarded, it would have led to legal complication and court cases.

#### **M.S. Ahluwalia Committee**

\*14. MOHD. SHAHABUDDIN : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received the recommendations of the Montek Singh Ahluwalia Committee for effective implementation of the scheme of providing employment to one crore people every year;

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations;

(c) whether the Government have identified certain areas for facilitating employment to the educated unemployed persons on the basis of information technology;

(d) if so, the names of those areas and the institutions set up by the Union Government for providing employment to the unemployed in these areas; and

(e) if not, the manner in which the Government are taking steps for facilitating employment in these areas?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA) : (a) to (e) The report of the Task Force has been submitted to the Government on July, 1st 2001. The strategy for employment generation recommended by the Task Force is based on intervention in five major areas.

\* Accelerating the rate of growth of GDP, with a particular emphasis on sectors likely to ensure the spread of income to the low income segments of the labour force.

\* Pursuing appropriate sectoral policies in individual sectors which are particularly important for employment generation. These sector level policies must be broadly consistent with the overall objective of accelerating GDP growth.

\* Implementing focused special programmes for creating additional employment of enhancing income generation from existing activities aimed at helping vulnerable groups that may not be sufficiently benefited by the more general growth promoting policies.

\* Pursuing suitable policies for education and skill development, which would upgrade the quality of the labour force and make it capable of supporting a growth process which generates high quality jobs.

\* Ensuring that the policy and legal environment governing the labour market encourages labour absorption, especially in the organized sector.

The Task Force has identified important sectors such as Agriculture and allied activities, Food processing, Small Scale industry, Services Sector, Travel & Tourism, Information Technology, Housing & Real Estate Development and Construction, Road Transport, Distributive trade, Education & Health services and New emerging services, where sufficient potential for quality employment could be tapped.

The report of the Task Force has been submitted recently to Government and further action would be initiated after acceptance of the report by the Government.

#### **Child Labour Abolition Act**

\*15. SHRI MAHESHWAR SINGH : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether out of the total allocation of Rs. 78 crore and Rs. 50 crore made for abolition of child labour during

1997-98 and 1998-99 respectively, only Rs. 13 crore and Rs. 27 crore respectively have been utilised;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) its impact on the implementation of child labour programmes; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure full utilisation of allocated funds?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA) : (a) to (d) It is true that the expenditure incurred on various child labour schemes during the year 1997-98 and 1998-99 was less than what was budgeted. The lower level of utilization of funds under the National Child Labour Project (NCLP) was because of the late approval for the continuation of the project in the Ninth Plan as a result of which the projects could be approved only in 1999 whereas the Plan period had officially begun from the financial year 1997-98. However, the level of utilization of funds has improved in the subsequent years. In the financial year 1999-2000, it was Rs. 37 crore and in 2000-2001, Rs. 38 crore against budget allocation of Rs. 34 crore and Rs. 36 crore respectively. Seeing the levels of utilization of the NCLPs, increased allocation for the schemes for the financial year 2001-2002 have been made whereby an amount of Rs. 67 crore has been allocated for the child labour projects for this financial year.

The availability of funds and the higher level of utilization in the last 2 years has enabled the Government to increase the number of NCLP districts from 76 in 1997-98 to 96 in 1999-2000 and to 100 in the present financial year.

[English]

#### **Empowerment of States for Clearance of Projects**

\*16. SHRI NARESH PUGLIA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a large number of irrigation and other developmental projects under the Forest (Conservation) Act,

1980 are lying pending with the Union Government for clearance for the last three years;

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

(c) the number of projects cleared or returned to the State Governments on one pretext or the other during the above period;

(d) the time by which the remaining projects are likely to be cleared;

(e) whether the Government propose to empower the State Governments to clear irrigation and other developmental projects involving 5 hectares of forest land; and

(f) If so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) to (c) More than 3500 proposals for irrigation and developmental projects have been submitted by various State Governments during 1998 to June, 2001 under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for forestry clearance. A detailed list of all projects will be lengthy and cumbersome. A brief abstract of this information indicating their present status, State-wise is given in the statement enclosed.

(d) About 4.4% proposals are under process with the Ministry for final decision. The Ministry is committed to clear all such proposals, which are complete in all respects within 90 days. About 14.8% proposals are incomplete and no decision could be taken on these proposals as wanting details have been sought from the State Governments. As such no time limit can be fixed for clearance of these projects.

(e) and (f) In view of a public interest litigation WP(C) No. 202/95 which is going on in the Supreme Court in which implementation of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 by the State Governments is one of the main issues under review, it would not be advisable to amend the Act for the time being.

#### **Statement**

S.No.	State	No. of Proposals Received	Sanctioned	Rejected	Rejected for want of information	Returned/ Withdrawn by States	Under Consideration of Ministry	Wanting Details sought from the States
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1.	Assam	52	19	24	0	3	6	0
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	24	17	0	0	0	4	3

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
3.	Andhra Pradesh	88	46	24	5	1	2	10
4.	A N Islands	18	12	0	0	0	0	6
5.	Bihar	14	7	1	0	2	1	3
6.	D N H	78	55	0	0	1	1	21
7.	Gujrat	314	224	4	4	7	9	66
8.	Haryana	172	132	4	9	0	4	23
9.	HP	222	99	9	40	6	6	62
10.	Manipur	3	2	0	0	1	0	0
11.	Meghalaya	15	14	0	0	1	0	0
12.	Mizoram	8	4	0	0	0	2	2
13.	Chandigarh	11	7	0	0	0	1	3
14.	Delhi	7	1	0	0	1	0	5
15.	Goa	11	5	1	0	0	2	3
16.	Punjab	489	323	6	28	5	11	116
17.	Orissa	99	54	4	4	5	9	23
18.	M.P.	142	69	38	6	8	6	15
19.	Maharashtra	372	211	40	7	6	47	61
20.	Rajasthan	137	78	7	8	15	16	13
21.	Karnataka	117	52	19	13	3	7	23
22.	Kerala	33	23	1	2	1	1	5
23.	Tamil Nadu	63	51	3	3	0	1	5
24.	Tripura	83	74	3	0	3	1	2
25.	Sikkim	14	13	0	0	0	1	0
26.	West Bengal	10	5	2	0	0	1	2
27.	Uttar Pradesh	120	86	2	3	12	3	14
28.	Uttaranchal	762	654	23	19	29	7	30
29.	Chhattisgarh	25	21	1	0	0	1	2
30.	Jharkhand	35	14	1	8	1	6	5
Total		3538	2372	217	159	111	156	523

[Translation]

### **Expansion and Upgradation of Airports**

\*17. SHRI RAJESH RANJAN ALIAS PAPPU YADAV : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the airports where upgradation and expansion works have been carried out during each of the last three years;

(b) the amount spent thereon, airport-wise;

(c) whether the Government are contemplating to carry out such works at some other airports also during 2001-2002;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government are contemplating to upgrade the status of some airports to bring them at par with the international airport; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) to (d) Upgradation and expansion works have been carried out in 1998-99 in Bhubaneswar, Goa, Mumbai, New Delhi, Kolkata and Thiruvananthapuram Airports. Major Communication Navigation & Surveillance (CNS) /Air Traffic Management (ATM) projects have been completed at Kolkata, Chennai, Tezpur, Allahabad, Cochin, Mumbai, Delhi, Agra, Srinagar, Ahmedabad, Guwahati, Patna, Silchar and Leh. In 1999-2000 upgradation and expansion works were carried out and completed at Patna, Indore, Jabalpur, Rajkot, Bangalore, Tirupati, Vijayawada, Silchar, Mumbai, Delhi, Chennai and Thiruvananthapuram. Major CNS/ATM projects were completed during 1999-2000 at Nagpur, Mumbai, Calcutta, Delhi, Chennai, Allahabad, Thiruvananthapuram, Ahmedabad, Varanasi, Mangalore, Guwahati, Udaipur, Bhopal, Indore, Aurangabad, Calicut, Cochin, Tura, Lengpui, Kargil, Jaipur, Chandigarh, Agra, Gwalior, Bhub, Jam Nagar and Pune. In 2000-2001, upgradation and expansion works have been carried out at Baroda, Ahmedabad, Port Blair, Imphal, Trichy, Calicut, Hyderabad, Bagdogra, Guwahati, Mumbai, Delhi, Kolkata and Thiruvananthapuram. Major CNS/ATM projects have been completed during the year at Ahmedabad, Aurangabad, Bhopal, Mangalore, Jammu and Imphal. The expenditure on the above works have been Rs. 319.87 crores in 1998-99, Rs. 360.63 crores in 1999-2000 and Rs. 348.68 crores in 2000-2001. The amount spent on major airports of Mumbai, Kolkata, New Delhi, Chennai and Thiruvananthapuram are Rs. 117.72, Rs. 42.98, Rs. 144.66, Rs. 82.26 and Rs. 13.99 crores respectively.

Airport upgradation and expansion works are being undertaken during the current year at Kangra, Jaipur, Jammu, Leh, Lucknow, Pathankot, Varanasi, Bhubaneswar, Gaya, Bhub, Jabalpur, Porbandar, Rajmundry, Agartala, Dimapur, Guwahati, Tezpur, Lilabari and Imphal.

(e) and (f) There is no plan at present to declare more airports as international.

[English]

### **Amount due from State Governments to I.A.**

\*18. SHRI T.M. SELVAGANPATHI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount due to the Indian Airlines and its subsidiary airlines from the various State Governments against tickets issued on credit basis, through the agents as well, as on May 20, 2001;

(b) whether the Indian Airlines and its subsidiary airlines have stopped issuing tickets to State Governments on credit basis recently;

(c) if so the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Indian Airlines to realise the outstanding amount from the respective State Governments?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) As on 20th May, 2001 a sum of Rs. 2.28 crores is due to Indian Airlines from various State Governments as per details given in the Statement. Sale of tickets against credit facility is made directly and not through the agents.

(b) to (d) The sales effected against the credit facility are constantly monitored. The cases of delay in payment are immediately followed up with the parties concerned for realization of dues. In case of huge outstandings and undue delays in payment, the credit facility is withdrawn or temporarily suspended or the party is allowed restricted sale of tickets against credit facility till the dues are settled. The Government Departments whose credit facility was withdrawn/suspended or which were put on restricted credit sales category during the last one year include organizations like Doordarshan Kolkata, Director of Supplies and Disposals, Kolkata, Chief Secretary to Government of Kerala and Tamil Nadu State, Public Works Department.

## Statement

*List of State Government departments owing ticket dues*

State Government	Department	Amount Outstanding as on 20.05.2001 (Rs. Lakhs)
West Bengal	Secy. To Governor of West Bengal	0.16
	DG & IGP West Bengal	0.63
	West Bengal State Electricity Board	0.51
Bihar	ADC to Governor of Bihar	0.73
	Chief Secy. To Governor of Bihar	0.91
Tripura	Secy. To Governor of Tripura	0.52
Orissa	Special Officer cum Secretary to Chief Minister	0.10
Goa	Governor of Goa	0.04
Gujarat	Chief Minister, Gujarat	0.92
	GAD Govt. of Gujarat	1.68
Maharashtra	Maharashtra Rajya Police	0.32
	Governor of Maharashtra	1.40
	Home Deptt. Govt. of Maharashtra	1.92
	Maharashtra Legislature Secretariat	0.37
	Desk Officer, Tribal Dev. Maharashtra	0.15
U.P.	U.P. Govt. Secretariat, Lucknow	2.19
Tamil Nadu	Agriculture Department	27.26
	Secretary to the Govt.	2.69
	Finance Department	52.22
	Hon'ble Governor	3.53
	State PWD	65.92
	Public Deptt.	6.14
	State Assembly	2.03
	Director General of Police	26.40
Andhra Pradesh	Secy. to the Govt.	1.83
	Hon'ble Governor	11.60
Kerala	Secretary to the Govt.	15.86
	Hon'ble Governor	2.71
	Board of Revenue	0.66
Total		227.94

**Bilateral agreements between Air India  
and other Airlines**

\*19. SHRI RAM PRASAD SINGH :

DR. RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the details of bilateral agreements between Air India and various airlines prior to 1999;

(b) the details of such agreements entered into during the last two years;

(c) the details of seat adjustments utilized by Air India and other Airlines during the above period;

(d) whether Air India has lost a large number of seats to other Airlines as a result thereof; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) Bilateral Air Services Agreements are entered into by Governments and not airlines. Prior to 1999, about 31.8 million seats per annum both ways were available under bilateral Air Services Agreement with different countries.

(b) Since 1999 about 5.7 million additional seats per annum both ways have been added under bilateral air services agreements with 22 countries.

(c) Utilisation of seats by Indian and Foreign carriers since 1999 as a percentage of their respective entitlements is as under :-

	1999	2000	2001
	Summer	Summer	Summer
<i>Indian Carriers</i>			
Air India	27%	26%	27%
Indian Airlines	12%	12%	12%
<b>Total</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>39%</b>
Foreign Carriers	65%	64%	65%

(d) and (e) Air India has not lost any seats to foreign airlines on account of bilateral agreements since the capacity entitlements are exchanged on reciprocal basis. The seat factor of Air India has also been all time high.

[Translation]

**EPF-ESI Dues**

\*20. SHRI ABDUL RASHID SHAHEEN : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) the total outstanding dues in regard to Employees State Insurance and Employees Provident Fund to be recovered from the defaulting undertakings as on February 28, 2001;

(b) whether the dues against the defaulting undertakings have been registered with the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR); and

(c) if so, the action taken to recover the outstanding dues?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA) : (a) to (c) As on 31st March, 2001, the outstanding dues from the defaulting undertakings in respect of Employees State Insurance scheme and Employees Provident Fund was Rs. 649.80 crore and Rs. 1184.00 crore respectively.

The dues to the extent of Rs. 188.98 crore and Rs. 553.27 crore in respect of Employees' State Insurance and Employees' Provident Fund respectively relate to companies registered with the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR).

Recovery of dues from companies registered with BIFR are stayed under section 22 of Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act (SICA), 1985. Necessary legal and penal action as provided under the Employees' Provident Fund & Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 and the Employees' State Insurance Act, 1948 is taken to recover the dues in all cases where no stay is in operation.

[English]

**Installation of Multi-Purpose Counter Machines**

1. DR. JASWANT SINGH YADAV :

SHRI SURESH RAMRAO JADHAV :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of multipurpose counter machines installed in post offices in Rajasthan and Maharashtra, location-wise; and

(b) the steps proposed to be taken by the

Government to install more such machines during the current year in the States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) A total of 106 Multipurpose Counter Machines (MPCMs) have been installed in Rajasthan and 317 MPCMs have been installed in Maharashtra. The location-wise details of the number of MPCMs installed in Rajasthan and Maharashtra are given in statement-I & II respectively.

(b) Installation of MPCMs has been undertaken as a plan activity since the beginning of the 8th Five Year Plan. The Department of Posts has a comprehensive plan to install MPCMs in important Head Post Offices in Rajasthan and Maharashtra in the current financial year. These machines will be installed in a Local Area Network environment using computers and a central server. This will facilitate both front and back office functions in the Post Offices.

The Department proposes to install MPCMs at the following Head Post Offices in the current financial year in Rajasthan and Maharashtra :

#### Rajasthan

Ajmer

Banswara

Bharatpur

Dausa

Hanumangarh

Jaipur GPO

Jawahar Nagar (Jaipur)

Jhunjhunu

Shastri Nagar H.O. Jaipur

Udaipur

#### Maharashtra

Ichalkaranji

Kalyan City

Nagpur City

Nasik Road

Shivaji Nagar

#### Statement-I

##### Location-wise list of MPCMs installed in Rajasthan

Sl.No.	Location	No. of MPCMs
1	2	3
1	Ajmer HO	4
2	Alwar HO	2
3	AP Sanganer, Jaipur	1
4	Barmer HO	2
5	Bharatpur HO	2
6	Bhilwara HO	2
7	Bhopalgarh, Udaipur	1
8	Bikaner HO	4
9	Bilara, Jodhpur	1
10	Chittorgarh HO	2
11	Chopasni Rd. Jodhpur	1
12	Churu	3
13	Collectorate, Jaipur	1
14	Dausa HO	2
15	Dholpur HO	1
16	Gandhi Nagar, Jaipur	3
17	Haldiyan Ka Rasta, Jaipur	1
18	High Court, Jaipur	2
19	Jaipur City	5
20	Jaipur GPO	7
21	Jaipur RS	2
22	Jaisalmer HO	3
23	Jawahar Nagar, Jaipur	2
24	Jodhpur HO	4
25	Jodhpur Kutchery	2



1	2	3
26	Johri Bazar, Jaipur	1
27	Kankroll HO	1
28	Kota City SO	3
29	Kota HO	2
30	Luni, Jalore	1
31	M.D. Alwar HO	1
32	M.I Road, Jaipur	1
33	Malviya Nagar, Jaipur	1
34	Mt. Abu SO	1
35	NG Mandi Kota HO	2
36	Oslan, Jodhpur	1
37	Phalodi, Jodhpur	1
38	Pushkar SO	1
39	Raj. Sectt. Jaipur	2
40	Raj. University, Jaipur	2
41	Sanganer Bazar, Jaipur	1
42	Sawai Madhopur HO	1
43	Shastri Circle, Udaipur	3
44	Shahpura HO, Jaipur	2
45	Shastri Nagar HO, Jaipur	2
46	Shastri Nagar, Jodhpur HO	2
47	Sikar HO	2
48	Sirohi HO	2
49	Sriganganagar HO	3
50	Surajpole Udaipur	1
51	Tripolia Bazar, Jaipur	2
52	Udaipur City	1
53	Udaipur HO	3
Total		106

**Statement -II***Location-wise list of MPCMs installed in Maharashtra*

Sl.No.	Location	No. of MPCMs
1	2	3
1	Anandi Bazar, Ahmednagar	1
2	Ahmednagar HO	1
3	Airport PO, Mumbai	1
4	Akola HO	2
5	Akurdi, Pune	2
6	Akluj, Sholapur	1
7	Alibag	2
8	Ambad IE, Nasik	1
9	Amravati Camp	2
10	Amravati HO	2
11	Andheri HO, Mumbai	1
12	Andheri RS, Mumbai	3
13	Aurangabad HO	3
14	Azad Nagar, Mumbai	2
15	Badnera, Amravati	1
16	Bajirao Road, Pune	1
17	Bhandara	2
18	Bandra, Mumbai	3
19	Bhusaval HO	1
20	Borivili HO, Mumbai	2
21	Borivili West, Mumbai	2
22	Buldana	2
23	Collector Complex, Oros, Sindhudurg	1
24	Chakala MIDC, Mumbai	2
25	Chalisgaon	1

1	2	3
26	Chandrapur City HO	1
27	Chandrapur HO	2
28	Chembur, Mumbai	2
29	Chinchwad East, Pune	3
30	Chiplun HO (Ratnagiri)	2
31	Church Gate, Mumbai	4
32	CIA Aurangabad	1
33	CIDCO Colony, Aurangabad	1
34	Colaba South, Mumbai	2
35	Dadar, Mumbai	4
36	Dahanu Road, Mumbai	1
37	Dahisar, Mumbai	2
38	Dapoli (Ratnagiri)	1
39	Daund	1
40	Dehu Road Cant. (Pune)	1
41	Dhule	2
42	Decoan Gymkhana, Pune	3
43	Ex Servicemen Colony, Pune	1
44	FCI, Mumbai	2
45	Ghatkopar West, Mumbai	4
46	Girgaon HO, Mumbai	2
47	Gole Colony, Mumbai	1
48	Gondia	2
49	Goregaon, East Mumbai	1
50	Hadapsar, Pune	1
51	Ichalkaranji	2
52	International Airport, Mumbai	2
53	Jaisinghpur (Kohlapur)	1

1	2	3
54	Jalana HO	1
55	Jamkhed (Ahmednagar)	1
56	Juhu, Mumbai	1
57	Kalbadevi HO, Mumbai	5
58	Kalyan HO	2
59	Kandivli East, Mumbai	1
60	Kandivli West, Mumbai	1
61	Kankavli (Sindhudurg)	1
62	Karad HO	2
63	Karjat (Ahmednagar)	1
64	Karmala (Sholapur)	1
65	Khadki, Pune	1
66	Kolhapur HO	2
67	Kolhapur RS	1
68	Konkan Bhavan, Navi Mumbai	2
69	Kopargaon (Ahmednagar)	1
70	Koregaon (Satara)	1
71	Kothrud, Pune	1
72	Kudal (Sindhudurg)	1
73	Kurla, Mumbai	4
74	Kurla Speed Post Bureau	1
75	Latur	1
76	Laxmipuri Kolhapur	1
77	Lokmanya Nagar, Pune	1
78	Loni BK (Ahmednagar)	1
79	Mahabaleshwar	1
80	Mahim, Mumbai	3
81	Malad East, Mumbai	1

1	2	3
82	Malad ND, Mumbai	1
83	Malegaon HO	1
84	Malwan HO	1
85	Mandvi HO	1
86	Mantralaya, Mumbai	2
87	Market Yard, Pune	1
88	Matunga, Mumbai	3
89	Miraj Station Road (Sangli)	1
90	Miraj HO	1
91	Model Colony, Pune	1
92	Motilal Nagar, Mumbai	2
93	Mulund (West), Mumbai	2
94	Mumbai Central, Mumbai	2
95	Mumbai GPO	21
96	Nagpur City	26
97	Narayangaon, Pune	1
98	Nariman Point	4
99	Nashik HO	5
100	Nashik IE	1
101	Nashik Road HO	2
102	Naupada, Mumbai	2
103	Navipeth, Pandharpur	1
104	Nevasa (Ahmednagar)	1
105	Ogalewadi (Pune)	1
106	Parmer (Ahmednagar)	1
107	Pandharpur HO	1
108	Panvel City PO	1
109	Parwati, Pune	1

1	2	3
110	Pimpri Chinchwada New Tn. Dev. (Pune)	1
111	Phaltan, Mumbai	1
112	Pimpri Colony	1
113	Pimpri PF, Pune	2
114	Pune Cantt.	1
115	Pune City HO	3
116	Pune HO	4
117	Rahuri (Ahmednagar)	1
118	Rahuri MPKB (Ahmednagar)	1
119	Rajgurunagar (Pune)	1
120	Rajur (Ahmednagar)	1
121	Ratnagiri HO	2
122	RMS F Division, Nagpur	2
123	Sachapur (Pune)	1
124	Sadashivpeth, Pune	1
125	Sahupure (Kolhapur)	1
126	Saki Naka, Mumbai	5
127	Sangamner	1
128	Sangli HO	3
129	Sangola (Sholapur)	1
130	Sanivarpur Kolhapur	1
131	Santacruz (E) Mumbai	1
132	Santacruz (W), Mumbai	2
133	Satara City	2
134	Satara HO	2
135	Sawantwadi, Mumbai	1
136	Shevgaon	1
137	Shirdi	1

1	2	3
138	Shivaji Nagar HO, Pune	2
139	Shrirampur HO	1
140	Slon, Mumbai	3
141	Solapur City	1
142	Solapur Dalipeth	1
143	Solapur HO	2
144	Solapur Market	1
145	SP College, Pune	2
146	Speed Post Bureau (Vile Parle)	1
147	Stock Exchange, Mumbai	4
148	Stock Holding, Mumbai	2
149	Tajnapet Akola	2
150	Thane HO	2
151	Thane RS	1
152	Town Hall, Mumbai	3
153	Umrej (Satara)	1
154	Vashi, Navi Mumbai	2
155	Vassai Road	1
156	Vengurla	1
157	Vile Parle, Mumbai	1
158	Virar PO, Mumbai	1
159	Vile Parle RS, Mumbai	2
160	VWTC	1
161	World Trade Centre, Mumbai	2
162	Wai, Satara	1
163	Wardha HO	2
164	Worli Naka, Mumbai	2
165	Worli Naka Passport, Mumbai	1

1	2	3
166	Yeotmal	1
167	Yerwada	1
168	Washim	1
Total		317

#### Work on National Highway-161

2. SHRI SURESH RAMRAO JADHAV : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the present status of work on National Highway-161 portion in Maharashtra which was started in 1999;

(b) the reasons for delay in completion of the work; and

(c) the fresh steps taken for expeditious completion of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) SHRI B.C. KHANDURI) : (a) There is no National Highway No. 161 in Maharashtra. NH referred in the Question is apparently National Highway No. 16. Out of the 57 Km length of NH-16 in Maharashtra, work has been taken up by BRO in 24 Km in Jan. 2000 and progress of formation, surfacing and structure is 45%, 11% and 52% respectively.

(b) and (c) The work is under progress as per target.

#### Increase in Revenue of Air India

3. SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA :

SHRI SAMAR CHOUDHURY :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the non-operating revenue of Air-India has increased from about Rs. 144 crores to Rs. 288 crores during the period April, 2000 to February 2001; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The main reasons for increase in the non-operating revenues are (i) Increase in interest earning; (ii) Increase in Unclaimed Traffic Credit during the current year; and (iii) Write-back in 2000-01 of provision made

In earlier years on account of price dispute with Oil Companies in India and refund of parking charges from Airports Authority of India.

**Amount of PF saved in Nationalised Banks**

4. SHRI BALI RAM KASHYAP :

SHRI ASHOK ARGAL :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of money saved in Nationalised Banks of India as the P.F. of Labour in the year 1998 indicating the names of banks; and

(b) the amount of interest accrued on fix deposit in the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL) : (a) As per the provisions of the three schemes framed under EPF & MP Act, 1952 the Statutory contributions are deposited in the State Bank of India. Total cash balance in Saving Banks Accounts of the State Bank of India under the above Schemes was as under for the year 1998 to 2000 :

As on 31st March Balance (In Rs.)

1998	389,96,58,023.98
1999	371,18,83,280.97
2000	461,53,53,398.68

(b) No investment is made in fixed deposits.

**Pending Irrigation Projects**

5. SHRI TRILOCHAN KANUNGO : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the names of major and medium irrigation projects not completed as yet, State-wise;

(b) the time since when these projects were taken up, initial cost of each project alongwith target date of completion;

(c) the present estimate of each of the projects with the likely time of completion; and

(d) the present status of both financial and physical of Indra, Ong, Upper Kolab and Upper Sukhtal irrigation projects of Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY):

(a) to (c) The details of ongoing major and medium irrigation projects State-wise are given in the enclosed statement-I.

The completion of any project depends on various factors such as its size acquisition of land, obtaining clearance from various Central Agencies by the State Governments, implementation of rehabilitation measures for project affected families pari-passu with the construction, geological conditions etc. Equally important are funds allotted by the State Governments to individual projects.

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

**Statement-I**

*Financial & Physical details of ongoing Major & Medium Projects*

*Andhra Pradesh*

(Amount in Rs. Crore)

S.No.	Project Name	Started in Plan	Financial Details	
			Estimated cost	
			Original	Latest
1	2	3	4	5
<b>Major Projects (spilled over from VIII Plan to IX Plan)</b>				
1	Nagarjuna Sagar	II	91.12	1025.00
2	Sriram Sagar Stage-I	III	40.10	2425.00

1	2	3	4	5
3	Vamsadhara Stage-I	IV	8.78	109.00
4	Pullvendula Branch Canal	IV	2.98	110.14
5	Somasila	V	17.28	467.00
6	Singur	V	29.75	180.00
7	Yeleru Raservoir (water supply scheme)	VI	107.35	335.34
8	Srisallam Right Branch Canal	VI	220.22	1600.00
9	Srisallam Left Br. Canal	VI		1260.00
10	Telgu Ganga	VI		2347.00
11	Jurala (Priyadarshini)	VI		545.82
12	Vamsadhara Stage-II (Niradi Barrage)	VI		749.83
Total				11154.13

**Medium Projects (spilled over from VIII Plan to IX Plan)**

1	Thandava Res.	III	1.99	17.28
2	Kanupur Canal	III	0.70	20.30
3	Vengalaraya Sangaram	V	8.65	27.48
4	Vottivagu	V	5.40	38.06
5	Maddu Valasa	V	8.45	49.47
6	Cheyzeru	V	6.04	33.50
7	Taliperu	V	9.06	38.37
8	Gundalavagu	V	1.16	7.22
9	Satnalia	V	3.21	25.75
10	Jhanjhavati	V		48.50
11	Yerrakalva Res.	V	10.40	43.24
12	Maddigedda	V	1.55	4.69
13	Thammileru	V		9.83
14	Varadaraja Swamy Gudy	V	13.97	18.21
15	Andhra Res.	VII	5.40	16.89
16	Buggavanka	VII	4.86	23.43

1	2	3	4	5
17	Upper Kaulasanala	VII	20.48	22.26
18	Chalmala Vagu	VII	3.66	22.14
19	Maddileru	VIII	17.00	38.66
Total				505.18

**Financial & Physical details of ongoing Major & Medium Projects****Assam****Major Projects (spilled over from VIII Plan to IX Plan)**

1	Dhansiri	V	15.83	224.80
2	Bordikeral	V	3.56	48.03
3	Intd. Kollong	V	4.57	80.55
4	Champamati	VI	15.32	80.00
Total				433.38

**Medium Projects (spilled over from VIII Plan to IX Plan)**

1	Kollonga	V	0.51	5.38
2	Buridohing	AP 78-80	1.14	22.20
3	Borolia	AP 78-80	6.77	54.57
4	Pahumara	AP 78-80	5.00	32.20
	Rupahi	AP 78-80	1.83	8.19
5	Hawalpur Lift	VI	1.99	14.93
Total				137.47

**Financial & Physical details of ongoing Major & Medium Projects****Bihar****Major Projects (spilled over from VIII Plan to IX Plan)**

1	Western Kosi Canal	III	13.49	693.88
2	Ajoy Barrage	V	115.24	206.89
3	Auranga	V	125.40	699.36
4	Bagmati	V	5.78	154.73
	Bansagar	V	91.31	234.00

1	2	3	4	5
5	Bateshwarsthan Pump Ph.I	V	13.88	175.85
6	Durgawati	V	26.30	266.97
7	Konar	V		373.00
8	North Koel	V	439.00	814.74
9	Subernarekha	V	1428.00	2376.15
10	Tilalya	V		301.79
11	Upper Kiul Project (under residual payment)	V	8.07	109.93
12	Bamar	VII	8.03	230.43
13	Eastern Kosi Canal Ph.II	VII		166.32
14	Gandak Ph.II	VII		578.27
15	Punasi	VII		219.05
Total				7591.36

**Medium Projects (spilled over from VIII Plan to IX Plan)**

1	Batane	V	4.01	39.95
2	Bateshwarsthan Pump Canal Ph.II	V	2.97	37.87
3	Gumani	V	3.84	83.72
4	Jharjhara	V	4.47	39.42
5	Kansjore	V	8.66	48.55
6	Sakrigali	V	0.61	9.82
7	Toral	V	2.75	62.67
8	Bilasi	AP 78-80	1.46	19.61
9	Dakrenalla Pump Ph.I	AP 78-80	8.43	56.87
10	Sindhvani	VI	4.45	34.10
11	Sonua	VI	8.92	59.57
12	Suru	VI	3.12	21.42
13	Upper Sankh	VI	9.18	73.92
14	Bhairwa	VII	20.19	40.92
15	Dakranalla Pump Ph.II	VII	4.76	11.48



1	2	3	4	5
16	Dhansinghtoli	VII		23.59
17	Kans	VII	1.37	44.18
18	Katri	VII		37.90
19	Keso	VII	16.14	19.75
20	Latratu	VII	10.98	42.17
21	Malai	VII		9.98
22	Nakati	VII	0.71	32.43
23	Omi	VII	2.96	43.55
24	Panch Kero	VII	9.55	31.28
25	Ram Rekha	VII		29.09
26	Surangi	VII	2.15	24.91
27	Basuki	VIII		27.04
28	Salalya	VIII		22.71
29	Satpotka	VIII		26.71
Tapkara Reservoir (earlier reported by the state as completed project)				
Total				1055.18

**Financial & Physical details of ongoing Major & Medium Projects**

**Jharkhand**

**Major Projects (spilled over from VIII Plan to IX Plan)**

1	Ajay Barrage	V	116.00	206.89
2	Subernarekha	V	1428.00	1502.22
3	Auranga	VII	125.40	699.36
4	Konar	V	93.61	313.00
5	North Koel	V	439.00	814.72
6	Punasi	VII	221.65	185.82
7	Tilaiya	V	46.74	301.79
8	Gumani	V	3.84	83.72
Total			2473.24	4167.52

1	2	3	4	5
<b>Medium Projects (spilled over from VIII Plan to IX Plan)</b>				
1	Batane	V	4.01	40.06
2	Bhairwa	VII	20.19	40.92
3	Basuki	VIII		27.04
4	Dhansinghtall	VII		21.83
5	Jharjhara	V	4.47	39.42
6	Katri	VII		45.65
7	Kansjore	VII	8.66	37.41
8	kans	V	1.37	44.18
9	Keso	VII	16.14	19.75
10	Latrati	VII	10.98	45.72
11	Nakti	VII	0.71	32.43
12	Panchkhara	VII	9.64	31.28
13	Ramrekha	VII		29.09
14	Sakrigall	V	0.61	11.88
15	Surangi	VII	2.15	26.00
16	Sonua	VI	8.92	59.27
17	Suru	VI	3.12	21.42
18	Salalya	VIII		22.71
19	Satpotka	VIII		26.71
20	Torai	V	2.96	62.57
21	Upper Shankh	VII	9.19	73.92
<b>Total</b>			<b>103.02</b>	<b>759.26</b>

**Financial & Physical details of ongoing Major & Medium Projects**

**Goa**

**Major Projects (spilled over from VIII Plan to IX Plan)**

1	Salauli	IV	9.61	153.00
	Tillari (IS)	V	141.22	320.63
<b>Total</b>				<b>473.63</b>

1	2	3	4	5
<b>Medium Projects (spilled over from VIII Plan to IX Plan)</b>				
1	Mandovi	V	13.11	40.00
Total				40.00

#### Financial & Physical details of ongoing Major & Medium Projects

##### Gujarat

#### Major Projects (spilled over from VIII Plan to IX Plan)

1	Damanganga(IS)	IV	24.40	235.06
2	Panam	IV	10.66	106.79
3	Sabarmati	IV	17.59	123.57
4	Karjan	V	37.20	280.98
5	Sukhi	V	23.11	121.36
6	Sipu	AP-78-80	18.80	102.44
7	Watrak	AP-78-80	43.71	63.77
8	Sardar Sarovar(IS)	VI	6406.04	22176.95
9	Zankhari	VI	18.70	90.00
Total				23300.92

#### Medium Projects (spilled over from VIII Plan to IX Plan)

1	Hiran(S)-II	IV	3.05	11.10
2	Ver-II	V	2.28	28.26
3	Deo	V	3.88	56.98
4	Kella	VI	2.84	31.10
5	Hamav-II	VI	3.49	9.01
6	Jhuj	VI	5.36	51.71
7	Mukteshwar	VI	19.37	40.44
8	Und-II	VII		61.34
9	Goma	VIII	47.59	47.59
10	Kollyari	VIII		8.41
11	Ozat II	VIII		81.08

1	2	3	4	5
12	Vartu-II	VIII		46.38
13	Libdi Bhogavo-II	VIII		43.85
Total				517.25

**Financial & Physical details of ongoing Major & Medium Projects**

**Haryana**

**Major Projects (spilled over from VIII Plan to IX Plan)**

1	Gurgaon Canal	III	2.88	65.00
2	Loharu Lift	IV	4.13	81.46
3	J.L.N. Lift Irrigation	V	40.00	245.75
4	S.Y.L Project (Punjab Portion)	V	59.70	601.00
5	Rewari Lift St.II	VIII		39.80
Total				1032.81

**Medium Projects (spilled over from VIII Plan to IX Plan)**

Nil

**Financial & Physical details of ongoing Major & Medium Projects**

**Himachal Pradesh**

**Major Projects (spilled over from VIII Plan to IX Plan)**

1	Shahnahar Irrigation Project	VIII	143.32	150.78
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**Medium Projects (spilled over from VIII Plan to IX Plan)**

1	Balh Valley	VI	3.03	12.02
2	Bhabour Sahib Lift Ph.II	VII	4.26	11.42
Total				23.44

**Financial & Physical details of ongoing Major & Medium Projects**

**Jammu & Kashmir**

**Major Projects (spilled over from VIII Plan to IX Plan)**

1	Ravi-Tawi Irrigation Canal	V	29.84	113.97
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**Medium Projects (spilled over from VIII Plan to IX Plan)**

1	Marwal Lift	IV	2.41	24.02
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1	2	3	4	5
2	Lethpora Lift	IV	0.95	7.32
3	Niu Karewa Storage	IV	0.94	4.50
4	Koil Lift	V	2.38	15.65
5	Rajpora Lift	AP 79-80	2.13	11.00
6	Tral Lift	AP 79-80	6.13	69.21
7	Rafiabab High Lift	VII	-	35.48
8	Dadi Canal	VII	-	10.91
Total				178.09

**Financial & Physical details of ongoing Major & Medium Projects****Karnataka****Major Projects (spilled over from VIII Plan to IX Plan)**

1	Bhadra	I	31.93	155.23
2	Tungabhadra Dam & LBC	I	33.41	319.09
3	Tungabhadra HLC(IS)	II	2.57	79.48
4	Kabini**	II		480.00
5	Malaprabha	III	19.91	703.71
6	Harangi**	III		373.00
7	Hemavathi**	Ap 66-69		2100.00
8	Upper Krishna St.I	V	58.20	3785.46
9	Karanja	V	98.00	340.00
10	Bennithore	V	73.25	153.00
11	Hippargi Barrage	V	418.77	524.21
	Dudhganga(IS)	VI		110.00
12	Varahi	VII		122.50
13	Upper Tunga	VIII		877.75
14	Yagachi**	VIII		239.70
Total				10363.13

**Medium Projects (spilled over from VIII Plan to IX Plan)**

1	Manchanabele	IV	0.77	62.40
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1	2	3	4	5
2	Iggalur**	IV		70.00
3	Votehole	V	2.05	47.50
4	Amarja	V	5.70	82.00
5	Lower Mullamari	V	8.37	100.00
6	Maskinala	V	3.11	29.95
7	Feeder Channel to Ranikere	V		9.49
8	Chulkinala	V	3.80	53.50
9	Arkavathi**	V	0.65	106.50
10	Chickilhole**	V		17.35
11	Uduthorehalla**	V		144.10
12	Hirehalla	VI	6.35	120.81
13	Gandorinala	VIII	7.71	153.00
14	Hutchanakoplu**	VIII		22.50
15	Kamasamudra**	VIII		18.00
Total				1037.10

\*\* Projects not covered under Plan Funds being in Cauvery Basin

#### Financial & Physical details of ongoing Major & Medium Projects

##### Kerala

##### Major Projects (spilled over from VIII Plan to IX Plan)

1	Kallada	III	13.28	698.00
2	Kanhirapuzha	III	3.65	100.00
3	Pazhassi	III	4.42	137.00
4	Muvattupuzha	V	48.08	455.00
5	Idamalayar	VI	17.85	107.00
6	Beyeporepuzha (Chaliyar)	VIII		645.00
7	Kuriarkutty Karappara	VIII		140.00
Total				2282.00

##### Medium Projects (spilled over from VIII Plan to IX Plan)

1	Attapady	V		120.00
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1	2	3	4	5
2	Karapuzha	V	7.60	225.00
3	Banasurasagar	VIII		36.14
4	Meenaohil	VIII		128.00
5	Vamanapuram	VIII	36.40	260.00
Total				769.14

### Financial & Physical details of ongoing Major & Medium Projects

#### Madhya Pradesh

#### Major Projects (spilled over from VIII Plan to IX Plan)

1	Bhander Canal	I	2.04	27.79
2	Bama	II	6.55	34.26
3	Jonk Diversion	IV	4.13	49.99
4	Kolar	IV	139.14	195.00
5	Mahanadi Reservoir	IV	15.34	1223.45
6	Pairi	IV	4.97	40.00
7	Sindh Ph.I	IV	4.95	56.43
8	Bansagar(IS) Unit-I	V	91.31	936.00
	Bansagar(IS) Unit-II	V	344.66	344.86
9	Bariarpur LBC	V	18.40	204.43
10	Kodar	V	2.94	49.83
	Rajghat (IS) Unit-I	V	61.61	150.30
	Rajghat(IS) Unit-II	V	309.21	523.41
11	Rani Avanti Bai Sagar(Bargi) (NVDA)	V	566.34	769.00
12	Upper Wainganga	V	50.60	249.72
13	Urmil (IS)	V	6.41	22.01
	Bawanthadi (IS) Unit-I	VI	74.06	95.28
	Bawanthadi (IS) Unit-II	VI	52.75	52.75
14	Indira Sagar (NVDA)	VI	752.16	1574.00
15	Jobat (NVDA)	VI	30.75	67.23

1	2	3	4	5
16	Mahan	VI	39.00	155.10
17	Mahi	VI	61.52	192.85
18	Man (NVDA)	VI	44.10	96.13
19	Sindh Ph.II	VI	510.94	607.67
20	Hasdeo Bango	AP-78-80	115.30	958.31
21	Thanwar	AP 78-80	24.38	27.22
22	Bargi Div. (NVDA)	VIII	1101.23	1554.50
23	Omkareshwar (NVDA)	VIII	350.00	755.00
24	Panch Diversion	VIII	91.60	184.04
Total				11086.36
<b>Medium Projects (spilled over from VIII Plan to IX Plan)</b>				
1	Balar	V	2.67	14.64
2	Banjar	V	2.09	11.72
3	Bilaspur Div.	V	0.96	12.58
4	Ghunghatta	V	19.10	60.00
5	Makroda	V	1.81	18.00
6	Mand Div.	V	2.89	70.00
7	Matiyari	V	4.89	71.83
8	Shivnath Div.	V	0.42	22.00
9	Bah	VI	19.38	54.30
10	Bandia Nalla	VI	1.80	20.00
11	Barnai	VI	4.26	23.02
12	Chhirpani	VI	8.75	43.70
13	Dejia-Dewada	VI	16.43	60.00
14	Gej	VI		53.00
15	Koserteda	VI	6.01	53.01
16	Kunwar Lift	VI	1.03	5.31
17	Lakhundar	VI	4.27	50.00



1	2	3	4	5
18	Mahuar	VI		47.32
19	Sagar	VI	10.68	31.99
20	Budhna	AP-78-80	2.00	32.54
21	Bundala	AP-78-80	2.18	19.83
22	Chandora	AP-78-80	2.92	19.93
23	Choral	AP-78-80	3.96	44.00
24	Dholawad	AP-78-80	4.64	26.60
25	Dudhi	AP-78-80	2.86	31.00
26	Gomukh	AP-78-80	3.51	45.50
27	Kallasote	AP-78-80	7.84	69.52
28	Rampur Kurd	AP-78-80	1.51	27.00
29	Tiller	AP-78-80	5.77	46.11
30	Gopad Lift	VII		17.24
31	Barchhar	VIII		20.87
Total				1122.56

**Financial & Physical details of ongoing Major & Medium Projects****Chhattisgarh****Major Projects (spilled over from VIII Plan to IX Plan)**

1	Jonk Diversion	IV	4.13	49.99
2	Mahandi Reservoir	IV	15.34	1223.45
3	Pairi	IV	4.97	40.00
4	Kodar	V	2.94	49.83
5	Hasdeo Bango	AP-78-80	115.30	858.31
Total				2221.58

**Medium Projects (spilled over from VIII Plan to IX Plan)**

1	Balar	V	2.67	14.64
2	Bilaspur Div.	V	0.96	12.58
3	Ghunghatt	V	19.10	60.00

1	2	3	4	5
4	Mand Div.	V	2.89	70.00
5	Shivnath Div.	V	0.42	22.00
6	Barnai	VI	4.26	23.02
7	Chhhrpani	VI	8.75	43.70
8	Gaj	VI		53.00
9	Koserteda	VI	6.01	53.01
Total				351.95

**Financial & Physical details of ongoing Major, Medium and ERM Projects**

**Maharashtra**

**Major Projects (spilled over from VIII Plan to IX Plan)**

1	Khadakwasla	II	11.62	343.86
2	Bhima	III	42.58	918.56
3	Krishna	III	27.66	659.07
4	Kukadi	AP 66-69	17.90	1044.93
5	Upper Godavari	AP 66-69	14.20	133.23
6	Warna	AP 66-69	31.08	992.82
7	Upper Tapi	IV	12.09	172.12
8	Upper Wardha	V	39.88	661.86
9	Bhatsa	V	164.11	322.49
10	Cheskman	V	22.48	357.77
11	Dudhganga (IS)	V	204.58	798.65
12	Jayakwadi St. I & II	V	127.36	796.87
13	Nandur Madhmeshwar (A)	V		284.26
14	Nandur Madhmeshwar (N)	V	72.66	294.11
15	Upper Penganga	V	84.46	1050.00
16	Upper Pravara	V	15.87	287.14
17	Waghur	V	12.28	189.32
18	Urmodi	VI	18.85	361.19

1	2	3	4	5
19	Arunavati	VI	66.48	202.73
20	Gosikkurd	VI	461.19	2091.00
21	Human	VI		370.04
22	Karwa	VI	27.00	48.96
23	Koyna Krishna L.I.S.	VI	259.10	1083.00
23	Lendi (IS)	VI		204.50
24	Lower Tirna (Flow)	VI	37.65	129.67
24	Lower Tirna (Lift)	VI		53.71
25	Lower Wardha	VI		540.14
26	Lower Wunna	VI	87.55	261.33
27	Punad	VI	29.92	115.62
28	Talamba	VI	289.09	388.19
29	Tutull	VI		169.40
30	Wan	VI	46.85	228.40
31	Bawanthadi (IS)	AP 78-80	34.77	124.17
32	Surya	AP 78-80	19.35	175.14
33	Tillari (IS)	AP 78-80	76.00	167.70
34	Vishnupuri	AP 78-80	78.93	196.60
35	Bembia	VIII		307.82
36	Bhama Askheda	VIII		393.29
37	Gunjawani	VIII		285.31
38	Janai Shirsai	VIII		133.24
39	Khadakpurna	VIII		177.65
40	Neera Deoghar	VIII		510.84
41	Sina Kolegaon	VIII		228.00
42	Sina Madha LIS	VIII		73.00
43	Lower Dudhna	VIII	53.21	347.83
44	Lower Penganga	VIII		1402.83
Total				20078.36

1	2	3	4	5
<b>Medium Projects (spilled over from VIII Plan to IX Plan)</b>				
1	Anjana Palsi	V	3.19	30.24
2	Aran (Pimpari)	V	2.89	71.28
3	Bahula	V	5.92	36.19
4	Chenna Nadi	V		13.25
5	Chikotra	V	4.28	80.89
6	Erdha	V		16.05
7	Hivra	V	3.44	13.35
8	Jangamhatti	V	11.28	24.25
9	Jawalgaon	V	2.38	22.11
10	Kadvi	V	3.47	69.74
11	Kasari	V	6.15	28.99
12	Kumbhi	V	5.16	48.63
13	Mangrul Pur	V		15.59
14	Mor	V	0.91	36.18
15	Pendhari Nalla	V	0.83	9.34
16	Puma Neupur	V	1.89	12.71
17	Talani	V		7.00
18	Tembhapuri	V	18.09	20.42
19	Amravati	VI	4.63	38.64
20	Bordahegaon	VI	16.27	18.19
21	Bori (S)	VI		44.58
22	Dehali	VI	6.48	39.66
23	Deogad	VI	24.64	168.32
24	Dongergaon (C)	VI	2.15	16.05
25	Hatwane	VI	19.55	203.82
26	Jam	VI	42.63	52.12
27	Karwappa Nalla	VI	4.70	24.13

1	2	3	4	5
28	Kasarsal	VI	2.70	31.99
29	Masalga	VI	10.51	17.47
30	Mun	VI	5.35	55.26
31	Nagyasakya (Panzan)	VI	2.50	19.59
32	Pakadigudam	VI	1.64	20.23
33	Patgaon	VI	7.39	78.88
34	Sakol	VI	10.88	12.37
35	Sankh	VI	3.53	41.66
36	Shivna Takli	VI	34.76	46.31
37	Sonwad	VI	3.14	25.93
38	Tajnapur Lift Irr.	VI		18.19
39	Upper Manar	VI	26.18	108.65
40	Umarzari	AP 78-80		11.52
41	Wadiwale	AP 78-80	3.30	29.86
42	Andhali	VII		17.94
43	Madan Tank	VII	3.08	20.58
44	Jambre	VIII		50.03
45	Katangi LIS	VIII		10.59
46	Lower Chulband	VIII		50.33
47	Mohamadwadi	VIII		189.90
48	Sondya Tole LIS	VIII		13.33
49	Utavali	VIII	35.78	43.25
50	Akkalpada	VIII		84.74
51	Anjani	VIII	4.91	41.90
52	Chandrabhaga	VIII	35.30	112.51
53	Chapdoh	VIII	6.08	10.00
54	Chitri	VIII		73.50
55	Dara	VIII		23.23

1	2	3	4	5
56	Gadnadi	VIII		122.79
57	Godavari Nadi	VIII		25.22
58	Gul	VIII		34.60
59	Jamkhedi	VIII		26.31
60	Kajala	VIII		11.21
61	Kalpathri	VIII		9.66
62	Kar	VIII	44.71	44.71
63	Karajheda (LIS)	VIII		22.64
64	Kashyapi	VIII		27.58
65	Koradinalla	VIII		21.25
66	Lal Nalla	VIII		23.66
67	Morna Gureghar	VIII	9.42	101.50
68	Nagan	VIII		58.75
69	Nagewadi	VIII		48.21
70	Narangi Sarangi	VIII		18.85
71	Nawargaon	VIII	5.26	44.95
72	Pen Takli	VIII	31.41	129.83
73	Prakash Bandhara	VIII		99.56
74	Puma	VIII		132.33
75	Renapur	VIII	7.36	16.62
76	Sakat	VIII		16.46
77	Sonapur Tomta	VIII		5.30
78	Sulwade Bandhara	VIII		104.94
79	Syaki	VIII		17.29
80	Toma	VIII		14.94
81	Upper Manjra	VIII		37.42
82	Virohek	VIII		22.86
83	Wadi Shewadi	VIII		30.33

1	2	3	4	5
84	Wagholi Buti	VIII		10.99
85	Wakod	VIII		11.42
Total				3713.62

**Financial & Physical details of ongoing Major & Medium Projects****Manipur****Major Projects (spilled over from VIII Plan to IX Plan)**

1	Thoubal	AP 78-80	47.25	390.00
2	Khuga	VI	15.00	150.29
Total				540.29

**Medium Projects (spilled over from VIII Plan to IX Plan)**

1	Singda	V	7.93	57.00
2	Dolaithabi	VIII	18.86	45.00
Total				102.00

**Financial & Physical details of ongoing Major & Medium Projects****Meghalaya****Major Projects (spilled over from VIII Plan to IX Plan)**

Nil

**Medium Projects (spilled over from VIII Plan to IX Plan)**

1	Rangal Valley	VIII	16.30	30.00
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**Financial & Physical details of ongoing Major & Medium Projects****Nagaland****Major Projects (spilled over from VIII Plan to IX Plan)**

Nil

**Medium Projects (spilled over from VIII Plan to IX Plan)**

Nil

**Financial & Physical details of ongoing Major & Medium Projects****Orissa****Major Projects (spilled over from VIII Plan to IX Plan)**

1	Potteru	IV	14.81	148.07
2	Rengali Dam	IV	57.93	40.77
3	Rengali Irrigation	IV	233.64	2316.77

1	2	3	4	5
4	Upper Kolab Dam	V	7.58	48.81
5	Upper Kolab Irrigation	V	16.47	304.00
6	Upper Indravati Dam	V	34.92	176.16
7	Upper Indravati Irrigation	AP 78-80	42.74	718.70
	Subernarekha (IS)	VII	1013.62	1270.75
8	Mahanadi Chitropala	VII	39.93	150.00
9	Kanupur Irrigation	VIII	268.85	330.89
Total				5504.67

**Medium Projects (spilled over from VIII Plan to IX Plan)**

1	Hariharjore	AP 78-80	7.26	90.46
2	Harabhangi	AP 78-80	9.10	156.56
3	Upper Jonk	AP 78-80	12.78	141.22
4	Baghua St. II	AP 78-80	3.28	79.20
5	Badanala	VI	11.39	144.88
6	Deo	VI	52.23	123.55
7	Baghalati	VI	45.44	82.05
8	Sapuabadajore	VI	14.57	88.48
9	Birupa Gangali Island Irr.	VII	4.63	16.44
10	Darjang Stage-II	VIII	7.20	7.20
11	Titlagarh Stage-I	VIII	21.13	54.37
12	Manjori	VIII	43.23	81.22
Total				1065.63

**Financial & Physical details of ongoing Major & Medium Projects**

**Punjab**

**A**

**Major Projects (spilled over from VIII Plan to IX Plan)**

**Sutlej Yamuna Link Canal**

a) Main Canal (IS)	VI	176.00	601.25
b) Providing Irrigation	VI	-	152.29

**Facilities to Punjab**



1	2	3	4	5
	Ranjit Sagar Dam	VI	263.16	2625.99
	Total			3379.53

**Medium Projects (spilled over from VIII Plan to IX Plan)**

1	Irrigation to H.P. Below Talwara	VIII	88.49	88.49
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**Financial & Physical details of ongoing Major & Medium Projects****Rajasthan****Major Projects (spilled over from VIII Plan to IX Plan)**

1	Jakham	III	2.33	104.00
	Gurgaon Canal (IS)	III	2.88	35.40
2	Mahi Bajaj Sagar (IS)	IV	31.36	1016.98
3	Som Kamla Amba	V	4.48	183.92
4	I.G.N. P. Stage-II	V	89.12	2267.44
	Narmada (SSP) (IS)	VI	467.53	548.00
5	Bisalpur Irrigation	VII	173.03	228.30
6	Sidhmukh Nohar	AP 90-92	143.59	308.77
	Total			4692.81

**Medium Projects (spilled over from VIII Plan to IX Plan)**

1	Panchana	V	1.03	52.00
2	Chhapi	VI	5.91	66.00
3	Sawanbhadon	VI	4.19	32.00
4	Parwan Lift	VI	3.79	29.00
5	Chauli	VIII	28.87	45.00
6	Bethali	VIII	13.07	16.24
	Total			240.24

**Financial & Physical details of ongoing Major & Medium Projects****Tamil Nadu****Major Projects (spilled over from VIII Plan to IX Plan)**

Nil

1	2	3	4	5
<b>Medium Projects (spilled over from VIII Plan to IX Plan)</b>				
1	Irukkangudi	VIII		28.70
2	Nanganjiar	VI		37.36
Total				66.06

**Financial & Physical details of ongoing Major & Medium Projects**

**Tripura**

**Major Projects (spilled over from VIII Plan to IX Plan)**

Nil

**Medium Projects (spilled over from VIII Plan to IX Plan)**

1	Gumti	V	5.88	50.00
2	Kowai	VI	7.10	59.75
3	Manu	VI	8.19	44.25
Total				154.00

**Financial & Physical details of ongoing Major, Medium and ERM Projects**

**Uttar Pradesh**

**Major Projects (spilled over from VIII Plan to IX Plan)**

1	Bewar Feeder	III	27.91	59.90
2	Sarda Sahayak	III	64.84	1290.00
3	Maudha Dam	V	66.82	127.90
4	Chitaurgarh Reservoir	V	34.06	36.70
5	Madhya Ganga Canal	V	66.01	615.00
6	Saryu Nahar	V	78.68	2810.00
7	Eastern Ganga Canal	V	48.46	579.00
8	Sone Pump Canal	V	5.64	72.55
9	Gyanpur Pump Canal	V	110.51	159.88
10	Rajghat Dam (UP Share) (IS)	V	123.22	150.30
10	Rajghat Dam (UP)	V	126.43	230.95
	Bansagar Dam (UP Share)(IS)	V	91.31	234.00
	Bansagar Canal (UP)	V	169.52	268.00
	Bansagar Canal (MP)(UP share)	V	27.92	27.92

1	2	3	4	5
11	Kanhar Irrigation	V	—	240.00
12	Chambal Lift	78-79		91.00
13	Tehri Dam (UP Share)	79-80	197.92	711.14
14	Providing Khariff Channels in Hindon Krishna Doab	79-80	15.53	56.00
15	Jerauli P.C.	90-91	47.92	48.22
Total				7808.46

**Medium Projects (spilled over from VIII Plan to IX Plan)**

1	Guntanala Dam	VI	1.85	24.00
2	Pathrai Dam	VII	12.54	48.33
Total				72.33

**Financial & Physical details of ongoing Major & Medium Projects**

**Uttaranchal**

**Major Projects (spilled over from VIII Plan to IX Plan)**

1	Lakhwar-Vyasi	V	140.97	578.40
2	Jamrani Dam	V	61.25	433.00
Total				1011.40

**Medium Projects (spilled over from VIII Plan to IX Plan)**

Nil

**Financial & Physical details of ongoing Major & Medium Projects**

**West Bengal**

**A**

**Major Projects (spilled over from VIII Plan to IX Plan)**

1	Barrage Irrigation DVC	I		60.00
2	Kangsabati	II	25.26	280.00
3	Teesta Barrage St.I Ph.I	V	69.72	1177.00
	Subernmarekha (IS)	AP 90-92	228.82	595.00
Total				2112.00

**Medium Projects (spilled over from VIII Plan to IX Plan)**

1	Hinglow	III	0.98	14.50
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1	2	3	4	5
2	Barabhum	V	0.73	2.90
3	Beko	V	0.64	4.69
4	Golamarjore	V	0.52	2.46
5	Lipaniajore	V	0.73	3.45
6	Mouterjore	V	0.40	1.90
7	Parga	V	0.42	2.50
8	Patlol	V	0.90	6.00
9	Sali Diversion	V	0.75	3.75
10	Sali Irrigation	V	0.31	2.25
11	Tatko	V	0.98	9.60
12	Futiari	VII		13.08
13	Hunumanata	VII	0.83	6.39
14	Karrior	VII		3.06
15	Khaira Bera	VII		2.98
16	Ramchanderpur	VII	0.62	6.00
17	Ranichak Pump Irr Drainage	VII		4.91
Total				90.42

**Statement-II**

Sl.No.	Name of Project	Started in Plan	Latest estimated Cost	Expenditure to end of 3/2000	Ultimate in Potential	Potential created to end of 3/2000
1.	Upper Kolab	V	304.00	266.92	88.76	62.83
2.	Lower Indra	IX	211.70	8.71	38.87	Nil
3.	Upper Suktel*	AP 1978-80	7.88	7.88	1.86	1.86
4.	Ong	IX	228.30	-	34.50	Nil

\* Project completed in 1990-92

**Pricing Mechanism for Flights**

6. SHRI DALPAT SINGH PARASTE : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether International airlines including the national carrier Air-India are upset over the recent move to free the pricing mechanism for international flights;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the suggestions that are made by the International airlines in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) to (c) There is a proposal regarding change in pricing mechanism for international flights. No final decision has been taken.

**Waiting List for Telephone Connections**

7. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of persons on the waiting list for telephone connections in Kerala at present, district-wise;

(b) the reasons for delay in clearing the pending telephone connections;

(c) the time by which these connections are likely to be provided; and

(d) the details of the new technology equipments provided in the State for telecommunication expansion plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) As on 30.6.2001, there are 838638 applicants in the waiting list and the district wise split up is given below :

Name of District/ Union Territory	No. of applicants in waiting list
Kasanagod	39384
Connanore	74501
Calicut	83455
Wynad	26392
Malappuram	109523
Palghat	50713
Trichur	71344
Ernakulam	57941
Idukki	33414
Kottayam	48125
Alleppey	70723
Pathnamthitta	23580
Quilon	88381
Trivandrum	58862
Total for Kerala State	836338
U/T of Lakshdweep	143
U/T of Pondicherry (Mahe)	2157
Total for Kerala Circle	838638

(b) Kerala Circle has its special problems due to

its unique geographical features, climate conditions, dwelling habits of the people etc. Prolonged rainy seasons extending from May till December end reduces considerably the working days available for carrying out developmental works. The dwelling habits of the people in Kerala is such that the telephone demand is more or less uniformly spread over the service area of the telephone exchanges. To overcome this, department is constantly making efforts to have higher targets for Kerala Circle. In the last three financial years, the growth in providing DELs have been almost 30%. The DELs provided in 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 were 271065, 350055 and 456444 respectively. This year target for Kerala Circle is kept as 7.18 lakh lines, one of the highest target. The same trend will continue till we are able to make the Kerala Circle current.

(c) The present registered connections are likely to be provided in the year 2002-2003.

(d) The details of the new technology equipments already provided in the State for telecommunication expansion plan is as under :

OCB 676076 Lines

AXF 201566 Lines

5 ESS 116956 Lines

and the plan for the year 2001-2002 is given below :

OCB 272500 Lines

AXE 39900 Lines

5 ESS 324500 Lines

#### **Appointment of Environmental Authority in Maharashtra**

8. SHRI CHINTAMAN WANAGA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have appointed any Environmental Authorities in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the names of places alongwith object of appointment of such authorities;

(c) whether the terms of some authorities has been expired since long back and the same is being extended from time to time; and

(d) If so, the details thereof and the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS  
(SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) **Dahanu Taluka Environment Protection Authority (DTEPA) :**

The DTEPA was constituted vide S.O. 884(E) dated 19th December, 1996 to protect the ecologically fragile areas of Dahanu Taluka and to control pollution in this area and to ensure the implementation of Dahanu and Coastal Regulation Zone Notifications issued by the Government of India. The authority was constituted initially for a period of two years and the tenure was extended from time to time to enable completion of the tasks assigned to the Authority. The tenure of the Authority expires on 18.12.2001.

**Maharashtra Coastal Zone Management Authority (MCZMA) :**

The MCZMA was constituted vide S.O. 1003(E) dated 26th November, 1998 to take measures for protecting the quality of the coastal environment and preventing, abating and controlling environmental pollution in coastal areas of the States of Maharashtra. Originally, the Authority was constituted for a period of two years and it was again reconstituted on 13th March, 2001 with a tenure of six months keeping in view the tasks assigned to the Authority.

[Translation]

#### **Dues of Air India**

9. SHRIMATI SUSHILA SAROJ : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether huge amount is due from VIPs/VVIPs to the Indian Airlines;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Indian Airlines to recover this outstanding amount from them?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) to (c) The facility of issuance of tickets on credit is not given to individual passengers. Sometime, in situations of extreme exigency, cheque is being accepted in lieu of cash for payment of fare on tickets. There are few cases of cheques being dishonoured for which an amount of Rs. 2.95 lakhs is outstanding. Necessary follow up action is in progress to realize the dues.

[English]

#### **Construction of Gulbarga Airport**

10. SHRI G. MALLIKARJUNAPPA :

SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJ :

SHRI IQBAL AHMED SARDGI :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to construct an airport at Gulbarga in Karnataka;

(b) if so, whether land for construction of said airport has been acquired by the State Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which work on the said airport is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) to (d) The airstrip at Gulbarga belongs to the State Government of Karnataka. Airports Authority of India has no plan to construct an airport at Gulbarga.

#### **Welfare Schemes for Beedi Workers**

11. SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) the total fund allocated by the Government in regard to housing, education and recreation activities for the Beedi workers during the last three years;

(b) whether the Government have launched any scheme for educational needs of children of Beedi workers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL) : (a) The allocation of fund under housing, education and recreation activities for the welfare of Beedi workers during the last three years are given :

(Rs. in thousands)

Sub-head	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001
1. Housing	33323	46776	85868
2. Education	106923	128229	198214
3. Recreation	1730	1822	2662
Total	141976	176827	286744

(b) and (c) The Government is implementing the following schemes for educational needs of children of Beedi Workers :

1. Award for Scholarship (including Gharkhata Beedi Workers)
2. Composite Scheme for Financial Assistance to the School going children for supply of one set of dress, slates, note books and text books.
3. Payment of incentives on passing final University/ Board examinations from High School onwards.
4. Scheme to provide incentive/financial assistance to female children of beedi workers on the basis of attendance in schools.

#### **Tournament for World Junior Men's Volleyball**

12. SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR : Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Asian Qualification Tournament for the World Junior Men's Volleyball Championship was held in Islamabad in May, 2001;

(b) If so, the names of the countries participated in this tournament;

(c) whether the proposal for India's participation in this tournament was cleared by the Government; and

(d) if so, the reasons for denying the Indian cricket team to play with Pakistan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PON. RADHA-KRISHNAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The names of the countries which participated in this tournament are Korea, Saudi Arabia, Japan, Iran, Pakistan, India, Chinese Taipei, Australia and Kazakhstan.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) After taking all the factors relevant into consideration the Government has come to the view that the circumstances at present are not yet fully conducive for the Indian Cricket team to participate in any bilateral series between the two countries.

*[Translation]*

#### **Recharging of Water Level in Gujarat**

13. SHRI MANSUKHBHAI D. VASAVA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether any project to recharge the water level in Gujarat has been submitted to the Union Government;

(b) if so, the present status of the project;

(c) the main objectives of the project;

(d) whether the project is proposed to be implemented in other States;

(e) if so, whether the Government have mobilised any additional financial resources for the implementation of the project; and

(f) if so, the time by which the project is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY):

(a) to (c) Government of Gujarat have submitted following two projects having ground water recharge component for financial assistance :-

(i) "Augmentation of Surface Water Recharge in Over-exploited Aquifers (Gujarat)" at an estimated cost of Rs. 305.64 crore. The Project envisages construction of minor irrigation works like check dams, percolation tanks, underground check dams, spreading channel, feeding village tanks, recharge wells, injection wells in rivers, deepening of villages tanks, conjunctive use of ground water in Dharoi Canal Command Area, afforestation and soil water conservation works. The proposal has been sent to the Royal Netherlands Embassy through the Department of Economic Affairs on 05.02.2001 for financial assistance. Reactions of the Government of Netherlands are awaited.

(ii) "Gujarat Salinity Prevention Project" at an estimated cost of Rs. 1160.00 crore. The project aims to tackle the problem of salinity ingress by taking three fold measures i.e. improving management, increasing recharge and controlling the salinity. The project was sent to the World Bank through the Department of Economic Affairs on 14.06.2000 for financial assistance. Reaction of the World Bank are awaited.

(d) to (f) The Central Ground Water Board under the Ministry of Water Resources have carried out ground water recharge experiments and rain water harvesting on pilot basis in various States of the Country under its Central Sector Scheme on "Studies on Artificial Recharge of Ground Water". The Government have earmarked funds amounting to Rs. 25.00 crore for the scheme during the IX Five Year Plan. State-wise details of the proposals approved under the scheme are given in the enclosed statement. The approved proposals are expected to be implemented within 1-2 years.

**Statement***State-wise details of proposals approved concerning Ground Water Recharge Schemes*

Sl.No.	State	Schemes (Nos.)	Approved Cost (Rs. in lakh)	Status
1.	Andhra Pradesh	10	54.55	Under Implementation
2.	Assam	1	56.69	Under implementation
3.	Bihar	4	18.69	Under Implementation
4.	Delhi	14	86.43	Four Schemes completed and rest are under Implementation.
5.	Gujarat	3	18.95	Under Implementation
6.	Haryana	8	139.12	Three schemes are completed and rest are under implementation.
7.	Himachal Pradesh	6	81.65	Three schemes are completed and rest are under implementation.
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	11	190.19	One scheme completed and rest are under implementation.
9.	Jharkhand	6	28.04	Under implementation
10.	Karnataka	1	13.75	Under implementation
11.	Kerala	9	67.62	Five schemes are at final stage of completion and rest are under implementation.
12.	Madhya Pradesh	5	53.85	Four schemes completed and rest are under Implementation.
13.	Maharashtra	3	76.63	Under Implementation
14.	Meghalaya	1	28.00	Under implementation
15.	Mizoram	1	28.00	Under Consideration
16.	Nagaland	1	70.00	Under implementation
17.	Orissa	2	437.40	Under Implementation
18.	Punjab	15	251.49	Six schemes completed and rest are under implementation.
19.	Rajasthan	13	84.27	One scheme is completed and rest are under implementation.
20.	Tamil Nadu	8	198.98	One scheme is completed and rest are under Implementation.
21.	Uttar Pradesh	5	37.21	Under Implementation
22.	Uttanchal	1	2.00	Under implementation
23.	West Bengal	8	167.82	Under Implementation



**Participation of Cricket Team in  
Asian Test Championship**

14. SHRI JAI PRAKASH : Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have given permission to the Cricket Team to participate in the Asian Test Championship to be held in September this year; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PON RADHA-KRISHNAN) : (a) and (b) The proposal for participation in Asian Test Championship has not been received, so far from the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI). On receipt of proposal the participation of the Indian team in the tournament will be considered.

**Irrigation Projects of Uttar Pradesh**

15. RAJKUMARI RATNA SINGH : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the names of Irrigation Projects of Uttar Pradesh that have been provided foreign assistance during the last two years project-wise;

(b) the works undertaken so far on these projects during the said period; and

(c) the time by which the projects are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY) : (a) to (c) Bundelkhand Integrated Water Resources Management Project with Dutch assistance envisaging development of two watersheds on pilot basis, one each in Lalitpur and Banda districts of Uttar Pradesh with main objectives of bringing sustainable improvement in the livelihood of the rural population with attention to the needs of the disadvantaged groups has recently been concluded on 31.05.2001 with disbursement of NLG 1.352 Million (Rs. 2.54 crores). The works undertaken in the project comprises of activities like desiltation of tanks, construction of check dams, drinking water wells, irrigation channel and other soil conservation measures.

*[English]*

**Bonded Labour**

16. SHRI PRABHUNATH SINGH : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether a number of State Governments have not yet set up vigilance committees to identify the bonded labours and to get them released;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Union Government have sent any direction to the State Governments in this regard; and

(d) If so, the time by which these such committees are likely to be formed by the remaining States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) As per the reports received from the State Governments/UT's, Vigilance Committees, as required under Sec. 13 of the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976 have been constituted both at District and Sub-Divisional levels for identification, release and rehabilitation of bonded labourers.

*[Translation]*

**Modernisation of Telegraph Services**

17. SHRI HARIBHAI CHAUDHARY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have taken any initiatives for the modernisation of telegraph services in Gujarat;

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

(c) whether any budget allocation has been made for the purpose during the current financial year;

(d) If so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which the said work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Telegraph services have been modernised in Gujarat. Microprocessor based electronic message switches, like Store and Forward Message Switching (SFMS) Systems, Formatted Terminal Concentrators (FTC), Electronic Key Board Concentrators (EKBC) and Phonogram Concentrators (PC) have been provided to link and network telegraph offices for quick transmission of telegrams. The district-wise details are given in the statement.

(c) and (d) No separate budget allocations have been made. However, the demands for such programmes are met in the developmental funds allotted for Telex and Telegraph works in the year.

(e) Modernisation is an ongoing process and it is being done on need basis.

## Statement

*District-wise Details of ports provided from modernised telegraph equipments for telegraph facilities*

Sl.No.	District	SFMSS Port				EKBC Port				FTC Port				PC Port
		CTO	TO	TC	CO	CTO	TO	TC	CO	CTO	TO	TC	CO	CTO
1.	Ahmedabad	21	11	3	3	2	7		2					8
2.	Gandhinagar		2				1		2					
3.	Amreli		1		2		1							
4.	Palanpur		1		1		1							
5.	Baharuch		1				1	2	1					
6.	Narmada							1	3					
7.	Bhavnagar		1				1		3		1			
8.	Bhuj-K		2		4		2							3
9.	Jamnagar	2	1		4	1			11					1
10.	Junagadh		2		3		2							
11.	Porbandar		1				1							
12.	Nadiad		1					1	1					
13.	Anand		2				1		4					
14.	Mehsana		2		3		1		4					
15.	Patan				1				3					
16.	Godhra		1				1	1	4					
17.	Dahod		1				1							
18.	Rajkot	2	1		7	3	1		5	4				5
19.	Himatnagar		1						4					
20.	Surendranagar		1				1		4					
21.	Surat	1				3	1		5	2	1			3
22.	Vadodara	1	3			1	3		8	1				
23.	Valsad						2	1						2
24.	Navsari						2		2		2			
25.	Dang													1
26.	Union Territory								2					

## Legend :

SFMSS : Store and Forward Message Systems

EKBC : Electronic Key Board Concentrators

FTC : Formatted Terminal Concentrators

PC : Phonogram Concentrators

CTO : Central Telegraph Office

TO : Telegraph Office

CO : Combined Offices

TC : Telecom Centres

[English]

### Flood Control

18. SHRI M.K. SUBBA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Rs.55 crore flood funds lying idle with centre" appearing in, 'Assam Tribune' dated June 8, 2001;

(b) If so, the reasons for not taking timely flood control measures whereas the funds remained unutilized; and

(c) the details of works undertaken with these funds so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Water Resources has formulated a Centrally Sponsored Scheme titled "Flood Control Schemes in Brahmaputra and Barak Basin" with an estimated cost of Rs. 55.56 crore with the funding pattern 90% Central share : 10% State share during 9th Plan period. The scheme envisages implementation of flood management schemes in Brahmaputra and Barak basin in the North-Eastern States including West Bengal (North-Bengal). Before this scheme is implemented, the scheme needs to be approved by the full Planning Commission and Cabinet Committee of Economic Affairs. Since, the scheme, as of now, is yet to be approved, there is no question of funds lying idle.

[Translation]

### Unemployment Due to Construction of Dams

19. SHRIMATI JAS KAUR MEENA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of persons rendered unemployed due to construction of dams during the last five years, State-wise;

(b) the efforts made by the Government to provide employment to such persons;

(c) the schemes formulated for the purpose and the amount released, year-wise; and

(d) the number of persons provided employment during the last five years, year-wise and State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY):

(a) to (d) Irrigation being a State subject, irrigation projects are planned, funded and implemented by the State Governments themselves, including the required rehabilitation measures for project affected families as per the Rehabilitation and Resettlement (R&R) packages adopted by the State. Providing employment to some of the project affected persons is usually a component of most R & R Packages. The Central Government monitors the progress of the projects in respect of expenditure and irrigation potential creation.

[English]

### Expansion/Improvement of NH-7

20. SHRI RAJAIAH MALYALA : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal for expansion and improvement of National Highway-7 between Hyderabad and Vijayawada, particularly between "Hayat Nagar and Chadarghat Bridge" in Hyderabad;

(b) If so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) SHRI B.C. KHANDURI) : (a) to (c) It is presumed that the Hon'ble MP wants to know the details about National Highway No.9 (and not 7) between Hyderabad and Vijayawada. Out of the total length of 266 km. of NH No. 9 between Hyderabad and Vijayawada, 10 km. length from Hyderabad and 13 km. length from Vijayawada side is already four-lane. This includes 4.60 km. length between Chadarghat Bridge and Hayat Nagar out of total length of 13.60 km. The remaining length will be widened in stages based on traffic volume, inter-se-priority and availability of funds.

### Declaration of National Highway-213

21. SHRI N.N. KRISHNADAS : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have declared the Palakkad-Calicut State Highway as National Highway-213; and

(b) if so, the details of the allocation made and the development work going on for the development of National Highway-213?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) SHRI B.C. KHANDURI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The allocation of funds for National Highway works are made State-wise and not on National Highway basis. The following improvement works have been sanctioned for National Highway-213 during the current financial year:-

Sl.No.	Name of Works	Estimated Cost
(i)	Improvement of riding quality from km. 15/656 to 30/00.	Rs. 280.45 lakh
(ii)	Improvement of riding quality from Km. 99/00 to 112/00.	Rs. 253.64 lakh

#### Assured Career Progression Scheme

22. SHRI AMAR ROY PRADHAN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Department of Telecom Services (DTS) has accepted the Assured Career Progression (ACP) scheme as recommended by the Fifth Pay Commission with certain modifications;

(b) if so, the instructions of the Department of Personnel & Training in respect of ACP and the modifications made by DTS; and

(c) the extent to which these modifications are to be considered as legal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) The department has not implemented the ACP scheme with modifications. The ACP scheme based on the recommendations of 5th Pay Commission as accepted by Government and circulated by Department of Personnel & Training vide O.M. No. 35034/1/97-Estt(D) dated 9.8.99 & further clarified/modified by DoP&T vide O.M. No. 35034/1/97-Estt(D) dated 10.02.2000 has been implemented by this department.

(b) Not applicable in view of (a) above.

(c) Not applicable in view of above.

#### Development of Nedumbassary Airport

23. SHRI GEORGE EDEN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Kerala has sent any proposal for the Development of the Nedumbassary airport;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

#### Development of Vijayawada Airport

24. PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Airport Authority of India (AAI) has conducted any study of creating a hub in coastal areas of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any plan has been formulated for the development of coastal airports for landing of medium sized passenger planes there;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) At Vijayawada airport the existing runway has been strengthened and a new apron constructed with linked taxiway and the existing terminal building renovated for handling 100 passengers. The work was completed by July 1999. Airports Authority of India, jointly with Ministry of Defence and Government of Andhra Pradesh has taken up a development project at Visakhapatnam airport. The details are as under :- Construction of a new runway of length 10,000 ft. capable of operation by Medium Capacity Long Rang (MCLR) aircraft. - Construction of new apron, link taxiway, part parallel taxiway and strengthening of existing apron and taxiways. - Installation of Navigational Aids and Ground lighting facilities for all weather operation. - Construction of new integrated terminal building to handle domestic as well as international passengers, car park etc.

(e) Does not arise.

#### Pension for Agricultural Workers

25. SHRI A. BRAHMANAIAH : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Labour Institute has conducted any survey on pensions and insurance for agricultural workers;

(b) If so, whether the said Institute has recommended the inclusion of small farmers in the recently announced pension/insurance scheme;

(c) If so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(d) If not, the reasons for exclusion of small farmers from the pension/insurance scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

#### **Setting up of New International Airports**

26. SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have a proposal to set up new international airports at Bangalore, Hyderabad and Goa with major private sector participation;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal of the Government in this regard; and

(c) the steps taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Government of India has accorded 'in principle' approval for construction of greenfield international airports with private sector participation at Bangalore, Hyderabad and Goa.

As per the Memorandum of Understanding, AAI will hold 13% equity or Rs. 50 crores whichever is less in both Bangalore and Hyderabad airport projects.

The State Government of Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh are selecting Joint Venture private sector partners for the respective projects. Airports Authority of India (AAI) will be rendered requisite technical support including the Air Traffic Management Services to these projects.

A high level committee has been constituted by the Goa Government for the new Goa airport project.

*[Translation]*

#### **Development of Bhagalpur Airport**

27. SHRI SUBODH ROY : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Bhagalpur airport is proposed to be developed and linked with other cities through air services;

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be developed; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) to (c) Bhagalpur Airport belongs to State Government of Bihar. No airlines operator has requested Airport Authority of India (AAI) to start its flight from Bhagalpur airport. AAI has no plan to develop this airport.

*[English]*

#### **Closure of Industrial Units**

28. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) the number of industrial units closed in Tamil Nadu during the last three years;

(b) the number of workers affected as a result thereof;

(c) the number of units closed due to labour unrest; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to revive those units in the above States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

#### **Land for Trivandrum Airport**

29. SHRI V.S. SIVAKUMAR :

SHRI VARKALA RADHAKRISHNAN :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Airport Authority of India has taken in its possession the required land for constructing a terminal at Trivandrum Airport;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the work for the construction of the new terminal has been started;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the time by which work on the said airport is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) to (e) State Government of Kerala through Thiruvananthapuram Airport Development Society (TRIADS) propose to take up the project for construction of new international Terminal on Chakkai Canal side of the Trivandrum International Airport and has acquired around 27 acres of land for the purpose. No final decision has been taken so far and as such no time frame can be given at this stage.

[Translation]

#### **Pending Cases in Labour Courts in Gujarat**

30. SHRI MANSINH PATEL : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) the number of cases pending in Labour Courts and High Courts in Gujarat as on date, district-wise;

(b) whether there has been a constant increase in the number of pending cases during the last one decade;

(c) whether a number of posts of judges are vacant in the State; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to fill up the vacant posts of judges for disposal of the pending cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF

LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL) : (a) to (d) Information is being collected from the State Government of Gujarat and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

#### **Telephone Facilities in Gram Panchayats of Gujarat**

31. SHRI SAVSHIBHAI MAKWANA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Gram Panchayats in Gujarat where telephone facilities have been provided, district-wise;

(b) the number of Gram Panchayats proposed to be provided with such facilities during 2001-2002, district-wise; and

(c) the time by which the said facilities are likely to be provided in the remaining Gram Panchayats?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) Requisite information is enclosed in the statement attached.

(b) and (c) M/s. Reliance Telecom Ltd. the private Basic Telephone Service Licensee has proposed to meet its obligations in respect of Village Public Telephones (VPTs) as per the revised terms & conditions of basic service licence by 31st December, 2002.

#### **Statement**

##### *District-wise information about telephone facility in Villages of Gujarat*

Sl.No.	Name of District	Total number of Villages	Number of Villages with telephone facility	Number of villages without telephone facility
1	2	3	4	5
1	Ahmedabad	719	666	53
2	Amreli	613	575	38
3	Bhavnagar	784	678	106
4	Bharuch	1116	812	304
5	Bhuj	884	588	296
6	Godhra	1888	1086	802
7	Himatnagar	1363	985	378
8	Jamnagar	694	594	100

1	2	3	4	5
9	Junagadh	1103	943	160
10	Mehsana	1091	987	104
11	Nadiad	965	944	21
12	Palanpur	1368	993	375
13	Rajkot	841	816	25
14	Surat	1185	864	321
15	Surendranagar	648	645	03
16	Vadodara	1639	951	688
17	Valsad	1224	796	428
Total		18125	13923	4202

**World Bank Loan for Community Forest Management Programme**

32. SHRI K. YERRANNAIDU :

SHRI K.E. KRISHNAMURTHY :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the World Bank has extended any loan to the Government of Andhra Pradesh under the "Community Forest Management Programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the area to be covered thereunder, district-wise; and

(c) the target fixed for the completion of the said work?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**Telephone Exchanges in Kerala and Bihar**

33. SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN :

SHRI DINESH CHANDRA YADAV :

SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH :

SHRI RAJO SINGH :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of telephone exchanges alongwith their respective capacity functioning at present in Kerala and Bihar, district-wise;

(b) whether the Government propose to set up new telephone exchanges and expand the capacity of existing exchanges in those States during 2001-2002;

(c) if so, the details thereof, location-wise;

(d) the expenditure likely to be involved therein; and

(e) the places where telephone exchange buildings have been constructed and being used at present in those States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) 978 number of telephone exchanges in Kerala Circle and 912 exchanges in Bihar Circle are functioning at present. District-wise details with their capacity are given in statement-I and II.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Details are given in the statement-III and IV.

(d) The expenditure likely to be incurred for setting up of telephone exchanges and expansions of the existing telephone exchanges during 2001 and 2002 in Kerala and Bihar is given as under :-

State	Amount in crores
Kerala	1151.81 (Approx.)
Bihar	265.79 (Approx.)

(e) In Kerala Circle 367 exchanges and in Bihar 124 exchanges are functioning in departmental buildings. Details are given in statement-V and VI

#### Statement-I

#### *The District-wise Split up of Telephone Exchanges in Kerala State*

Name of District/ Union Territory	No. of Exchanges	Equipped Capacity
1	2	3
Kasaragod	50	84676
Cannanore	85	184206
Wynad	27	31976
Calicut	75	205572
Malappuram	66	156793
Palghat	85	142118
Trichur	70	280528
Ernakulam	99	368448
Idukki	77	82406
Kottayam	76	216331
Alleppey	50	152416
Pathanamthitta	65	163150
Quilon	73	203783
Trivandrum	80	321580
Total for Kerala State	978	2594013

#### Statement-II

#### Bihar

#### District-wise Status

Sl. No.	District	No. of Exchange	Capacity
1	2	3	4
1	Bhojpur	26	18264
2	Buxar	17	9744

1	2	3	4
3	Bhagalpur	35	34040
4	Banka	22	9424
5	Saran	31	21872
6	Gopalganj	17	8320
7	Siwan	22	14328
8	Darbhanga	49	32744
9	Madhuban	39	18632
10	Sarnastipu	40	19040
11	Gaya	28	28240
12	Aurangabad	22	9992
13	Jahanabad	16	7512
14	Nawada	18	10860
15	Vaishali	40	30688
16	Begusarai	28	22280
17	Khagaria	19	10664
18	Arana	13	8052
19	Katihar	20	15392
20	Kishanganj	13	8372
21	Purnea	20	19156
22	E. Champa	42	33284
23	W. Champa	29	18280
24	Munger	14	16272
25	Lakhisarai	14	6952
26	Shekhpura	9	4365
27	Jomui	16	6704
28	Muzaffarpur	37	43882
29	Sitamarhi	23	12468
30	Sheohar	5	1856



1	2	3	4
31	Patna	51	183440
32	Nalanda	34	21412
33	Bhabhua	16	11560
34	Rohtas	27	26058
35	Saharsa	23	14880
36	Madhepura	17	9704
37	Supaul	20	9696
		912	

**Statement-III**

*List of Telephone Exchange Commissioning/Expansion for the year 2001-2002 in Kerala*

Ex. Name	Dist	Cap.	Net 02
1	2	3	4
ALP-Kaichoondy	Alleppy	3000	1000
ALP-Kalarcode	Alleppy	2500	500
Aroor	Alleppy	4500	1000
Champakulam	Alleppy	1768	232
Chengannoor	Alleppy	9000	1000
Chennithala	Alleppy	2500	1000
Cheriyana	Alleppy	0	1500
Chettikulangara	Alleppy	0	2000
Edathua	Alleppy	4000	1000
Ezhupunna	Alleppy	0	1000
Kainakary	Alleppy	1000	1000
Kainchikulangara	Alleppy	0	2000
Karthikapally	Alleppy	0	2000
Karuvatta	Alleppy	1656	850
Kattanam	Alleppy	2500	2000
Krishnapuram	Alleppy	0	2000

1	2	3	4
Kuthiathode	Alleppy	3000	2500
MVK-Mavelikkara UII	Alleppy	1000	1000
Mankankuzhy	Alleppy	2000	1000
Mannancherry	Alleppy	0	1500
Mulakkuzha	Alleppy	0	2000
Muttar	Alleppy	0	1000
Neelamperur	Alleppy	0	1000
Nooranadu	Alleppy	3500	1500
Pallipuram Alpy	Alleppy	1000	400
Pathirappally	Alleppy	2744	1256
Pathiyoor	Alleppy	0	2000
Pattanakkad	Alleppy	1500	1500
Punnappa	Alleppy	1500	1000
Sherallai	Alleppy	6000	2500
Thamarakulam	Alleppy	0	1400
Thekketkara	Alleppy	0	2000
Vallikunnam	Alleppy	1896	1104
Vandanam	Alleppy	0	1500
Veeyapuram	Alleppy	1000	400
Venmoni	Alleppy	0	1500
Sub Total		57564	48142
Arur (CLT)	Calicut	344	1656
Atholi	Calicut	968	2532
Avala	Calicut	328	1172
Bhoomivathukkal	Calicut	1000	1000
Chathamangalam REC	Calicut	1500	500
Cheekilode	Calicut	160	840
Chempanode	Calicut	512	688

1	2	3	4
Cherupa	Calicut	1000	1000
Cheruvady	Calicut	488	1012
Edacherry	Calicut	2000	3000
Estatemukku	Calicut	0	2000
Kakkayam	Calicut	344	184
Kappad	Calicut	1400	1600
Koduvally	Calicut	2000	4000
Koottalida	Calicut	368	1632
Kunnamangalam	Calicut	3000	2000
Kunnathupalam	Calicut	0	2000
Meppayur	Calicut	1384	3116
Mokeri	Calicut	2000	3000
Mokkam	Calicut	2000	1500
Nanminda	Calicut	1000	400
Narkuni	Calicut	664	2336
Thottipalam	Calicut	1528	1476
Valayam	Calicut	0	1000
Vengarl	Calicut	0	1500
Vilangad	Calicut	336	664
Sub Total		24324	41808
Allacode	Cannanore	1400	1000
Alavil	Cannanore	2250	500
Anjarakandy	Cannanore	3000	2000
Azhikode	Cannanore	0	2000
CNN-Cannanore City	Cannanore	3250	1000
Cherukunnu	Cannanore	3000	2000
Cherupuzha	Cannanore	1400	1600
Chokli	Cannanore	0	2000

1	2	3	4
Chorkkala	Cannanore	0	1000
Eachur	Cannanore	0	2000
Edat	Cannanore	0	1500
Edoor	Cannanore	0	1000
Eranholi	Cannanore	0	2000
Kadiroor	Cannanore	2400	1100
Kadvathur	Cannanore	0	1500
Kakkara	Cannanore	0	368
Karivellloor	Cannanore	2000	1500
Kololam	Cannanore	1400	1600
Koothuparamba	Cannanore	4500	1000
Kottila	Cannanore	0	1000
Manakkadavu	Cannanore	1000	1000
Mangattuparamba	Cannanore	4000	2000
Mathamangalam	Cannanore	1500	1600
Mathil	Cannanore	1000	1000
Mattannur	Cannanore	3000	2000
Munderi	Cannanore	1100	1400
Palakode	Cannanore	352	184
Pallikkunnu (CNN)	Cannanore	2800	500
Pattuvam	Cannanore	520	880
Peringome	Cannanore	520	1400
Perlassery	Cannanore	0	1500
Pilathara	Cannanore	2000	1000
Poolakutty	Cannanore	0	368
Poovam	Cannanore	0	1000
Thadikadavu	Cannanore	0	368
Thottada	Cannanore	0	1500

1	2	3	4
Tirumeni	Cannanore	336	664
Udumbanathala	Cannanore	0	1500
Uliyal	Cannanore	0	1000
Vellad	Cannanore	0	552
Vellur	Cannanore	0	1500
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>42728</b>	<b>50584</b>
Alwaye	Ernakulam	12500	1000
Angamaly	Ernakulam	7500	1000
Ayyampuzha	Ernakulam	336	664
Azad Road	Ernakulam	0	3000
Cheral	Ernakulam	3200	2000
Choondy	Ernakulam	0	3000
Chottanikkara	Ernakulam	2016	984
Cochin University	Ernakulam	0	2000
DTAX RSU	Ernakulam	0	3500
Eda Kochi	Ernakulam	0	2000
Edapalli	Ernakulam	0	2000
Edavanakkad	Ernakulam	1500	1000
Eloor	Ernakulam	2048	1000
Gandhinagar	Ernakulam	0	4000
Kalady	Ernakulam	7000	1500
Karikutty	Ernakulam	0	1500
Keechery	Ernakulam	1500	500
Keezhillam	Ernakulam	1500	1000
Kizhakkambalam	Ernakulam	5040	2000
Kolencherry	Ernakulam	4000	1500
Kozhipally	Ernakulam	0	3000
Kunnukara	Ernakulam	1400	1600

1	2	3	4
Kuttampuzha	Ernakulam	336	664
Malayattur	Ernakulam	1000	400
Manjummal	Ernakulam	0	2000
Marampilly	Ernakulam	2048	1000
Moothakunnam	Ernakulam	1500	1000
Moozhikulam	Ernakulam	2500	1000
Mulavukadu	Ernakulam	0	1000
Nedumbasserry	Ernakulam	360	2000
Neriyamangalam	Ernakulam	352	648
Odakkali	Ernakulam	2024	1000
Oonnukal	Ernakulam	1128	400
Oramana	Ernakulam	0	1000
PRU-Parur UII	Ernakulam	8000	1500
Pattimattom	Ernakulam	0	2000
Perumattom	Ernakulam	0	1000
Piravam	Ernakulam	3250	1000
Pooyamkutty	Ernakulam	0	336
Puthencruz	Ernakulam	3032	968
Puthenvelikara	Ernakulam	1500	1000
Sreemoolanagaram	Ernakulam	2500	500
Thiruvamkulam	Ernakulam	0	2000
Thrikkakara	Ernakulam	7032	1500
Thuravoor	Ernakulam	0	2000
Vaduthala	Ernakulam	0	2500
Vallarpadam	Ernakulam	0	2000
Varapetty	Ernakulam	0	1000
Vengoor	Ernakulam	1500	1000
Vennala	Ernakulam	0	2000
Vypin	Ernakulam	1384	616
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>88986</b>	<b>74780</b>

1	2	3	4
Anakkara	Idukki	1000	400
Anavilasam	Idukki	336	664
Arakulam	Idukki	2024	476
Bodimettu	Idukki	0	336
Chemmannar	Idukki	336	664
Cheruvallikulam	Idukki	0	336
Chithirapuram	Idukki	1000	400
Cumbummettu	Idukki	360	640
Elamdesam	Idukki	1500	500
Elappara	Idukki	344	656
Ezhallur	Idukki	520	480
Irumpupalam	Idukki	336	664
Kallar	Idukki	1000	1000
Kaloor	Idukki	1000	1000
Kardikuzhy	Idukki	0	336
Karicode	Idukki	0	2000
Karimannur	Idukki	1400	1600
Karimban	Idukki	336	664
Karimkunnam	Idukki	1400	600
Kathippara	Idukki	336	664
Kochera	Idukki	0	336
Kolani	Idukki	0	2000
Mannathur	Idukki	1250	500
Marayur	Idukki	336	664
Mlamala	Idukki	336	664
Mullaringad	Idukki	368	632
Murickassery	Idukki	1000	500
Muttom	Idukki	1400	600

1	2	3	4
Palookavu	Idukki	184	184
Parathode	Idukki	1000	400
Poomala	Idukki	360	184
Rajakkad	Idukki	1000	500
Rajakumari	Idukki	1000	500
Santhanpara	Idukki	336	664
Senapathy	Idukki	336	664
Swaraj	Idukki	1000	400
Thankamony	Idukki	1000	400
Thopramkudy	Idukki	1000	400
Udumbannoor	Idukki	1000	1500
Upputhara	Idukki	1000	400
Vadattupara	Idukki	336	664
Vandanmedu	Idukki	1360	400
Vandiperiyar	Idukki	1400	600
Vannappuram	Idukki	1400	1100
Vattayar	Idukki	336	664
Vazhathope	Idukki	1000	1000
Vazhavara	Idukki	336	184
Vengallur	Idukki	0	2000
Sub Total		33302	32784
Attenganam	Kasaragod	704	796
Balal	Kasaragod	552	448
Bandadka	Kasaragod	520	1064
Bedadka	Kasaragod	520	880
CPCRI	Kasaragod	0	1500
Kalanad	Kasaragod	1640	1860
Kanhangad	Kasaragod	7000	5000

1	2	3	4
Kaniyala	Kasaragod	336	184
Kattathadka	Kasaragod	1000	400
Maippady	Kasaragod	368	184
Maloth	Kasaragod	704	696
Padne	Kasaragod	0	1000
Paivalika	Kasaragod	1000	500
Parappa	Kasaragod	520	1480
Periya	Kasaragod	1400	1100
Perumpatta	Kasaragod	488	1400
Rajapuram	Kasaragod	1400	600
Thaikadapuram	Kasaragod	0	1500
Urdoor	Kasaragod	1000	400
Vallaparamba	Kasaragod	640	880
Vaninagar	Kasaragod	336	184
Vidyanagar	Kasaragod	0	1500
Vorkady	Kasaragod	1000	400
Yethadka	Kasaragod	336	184
Sub Total		21464	24140
Athirampuzha	Kottayam	0	1500
Bramamangalam	Kottayam	0	1500
CHC-Changanacherry Ull	Kottayam	1000	2000
Chempu	Kottayam	1262	738
Chennad	Kottayam	528	632
Cherupungal	Kottayam	0	1500
Chirakadavu	Kottayam	0	2000
ETR-Ettumanoor Ull	Kottayam	2250	1000
Erattupetta	Kottayam	5000	500
Gandhinagar	Kottayam	8000	1000

1	2	3	4
Kaduthuruthy	Kottayam	3500	500
Kidangoor	Kottayam	3000	1000
Koorapada	Kottayam	0	1000
Koruthode	Kottayam	488	512
Kudavechoor	Kottayam	1600	400
Kumaranallur	Kottayam	0	1500
Kunnonny	Kottayam	368	632
Kurisumoodu	Kottayam	0	1500
Manimala	Kottayam	2000	500
Meenadam	Kottayam	0	2000
Mooledam	Kottayam	0	2500
Moonilavu	Kottayam	1100	400
Mundakayam	Kottayam	2400	1100
Nedumkunnam	Kottayam	0	1500
PLI-Palai Ull	Kottayam	2000	1384
Panamattom	Kottayam	0	1000
Pathampuzha	Kottayam	368	632
T V Puram	Kottayam	0	2000
Thekkethukavala	Kottayam	0	1000
Thellakom	Kottayam	0	1500
Thiruvanchur	Kottayam	0	1500
Thiruvarpu	Kottayam	0	1500
Thuruthy	Kottayam	0	3000
Uzhavoor	Kottayam	2000	1000
Vellyannur	Kottayam	0	2000
Vellor	Kottayam	0	1500
Yendayar	Kottayam	0	1000
Sub Total		36864	46430

1	2	3	4
Chappanangadi	Malappuram	1000	1000
Chelari	Malappuram	4250	2000
Chungathara	Malappuram	0	1000
Edavanna	Malappuram	1000	3500
Edavannapara	Malappuram	1000	2500
Elamkulam	Malappuram	352	1148
Erumamunda	Malappuram	512	488
Kadampuzha	Malappuram	1144	1356
Kalpakan cherry	Malappuram	3500	3000
Karingappara	Malappuram	2000	2000
Kolakkuthu	Malappuram	0	2000
Kolathur	Malappuram	1000	500
Kunnumpuram	Malappuram	2250	2500
Malappuram	Malappuram	7250	3000
Mampad	Malappuram	0	1000
Mangalam	Malappuram	2500	3000
Manjeri	Malappuram	7000	3000
Mankada	Malappuram	1128	1871
Marutha	Malappuram	368	632
Moorkanad (CLT)	Malappuram	160	184
Nadkkavu	Malappuram	0	2000
Nilambur	Malappuram	4000	3500
Perinthalmanna	Malappuram	5000	5000
Pulamanthole	Malappuram	1000	1000
Randathani	Malappuram	1304	1696
TIR-Tirur UI	Malappuram	7000	3000
Tanalur	Malappuram	1128	1872
Tavanur	Malappuram	1000	1500

1	2	3	4
Thazhecode	Malappuram	1000	1500
Thottumukkom	Malappuram	352	1148
Uppada	Malappuram	512	988
Valluvambram	Malappuram	3000	4000
Vayalathur	Malappuram	0	3500
Velimukku	Malappuram	0	2000
Vettam	Malappuram	0	2000
Vettathur	Malappuram	544	956
Wandoor	Malappuram	1500	3500
Sub Total		63754	74839
Adiperanda	Palghat	352	1000
Agali	Palghat	336	664
Alanallore	Palghat	1384	600
Alathur	Palghat	3000	1000
Ambalapara	Palghat	1000	500
CTR-Chittur	Palghat	3000	1000
CTR-Tattamangalam	Palghat	1128	400
Chalissery	Palghat	1000	500
Chathanur (PGT)	Palghat	1000	100
Cherplassery	Palghat	4000	2000
Chethallur	Palghat	336	184
Coyalmanna	Palghat	2000	1000
Elambulassery	Palghat	336	664
Elavencherry	Palghat	352	656
Jellipara	Palghat	0	336
Kadambazhipuram	Palghat	1000	500
Kalkandy	Palghat	304	752
Karkidamkunnu	Palghat	336	184

1	2	3	4
Koduvayur	Palghat	2000	2000
Kollengode	Palghat	2000	1000
Koranchira	Palghat	368	632
Kudallur	Palghat	1000	500
Kumaramputhur	Palghat	1000	500
Kunissery	Palghat	1400	100
Lakkidi	Palghat	0	1000
Mangalam Dam	Palghat	1000	400
Mannarghat	Palghat	3250	1000
Meenakshipuram	Palghat	344	656
Moorcahankundu	Palghat	0	336
Mundakotukurisi	Palghat	368	632
Nattukal	Palghat	1000	500
Nenmara	Palghat	2000	1000
Ongallur	Palghat	1400	600
Ottapalam	Palghat	4500	1500
PGT-Kalpathy	Palghat	2500	500
Padagiri	Palghat	160	152
Padinjarangadi	Palghat	1400	1100
Palakayam	Palghat	184	816
Palakuzhy	Palghat	184	184
Pallassana	Palghat	352	656
Pallipuram (PGT)	Palghat	1400	1100
Pannamanna	Palghat	1000	500
Pandalampadam	Palghat	336	664
Parli	Palghat	2000	500
Pattambi	Palghat	3000	1000
Pazhambalacode	Palghat	1000	400

1	2	3	4
Pulapetta	Palghat	184	816
Pulassery	Palghat	1500	1500
Puthur	Palghat	0	2000
Shoranur	Palghat	4000	1000
Thachampara	Palghat	1500	500
Thrithala	Palghat	1400	600
Vadakkanchery MB	Palghat	3250	2000
Velanthavalam	Palghat	488	512
Sub Total		68332	40896
Aranmula	Pathanamthitta	1150	350
Ayiroor	Pathanamthitta	1600	400
Chengarur	Pathanamthitta	0	2000
Chungappara	Pathanamthitta	1500	850
Elamannur	Pathanamthitta	1350	400
Elanthur	Pathanamthitta	3000	500
Elavinthitta	Pathanamthitta	2000	1000
Ezhamkulam	Pathanamthitta	2900	1600
Kadambanadu	Pathanamthitta	3000	1000
Kaipattoor	Pathanamthitta	5000	1500
Kalanjoor	Pathanamthitta	1600	500
Kidanganoor	Pathanamthitta	1600	900
Kozhencherry	Pathanamthitta	6000	2000
Kulanada	Pathanamthitta	3500	200
Kunnamthanam	Pathanamthitta	2500	1000
Kuriyannur	Pathanamthitta	1500	500
Kuttoor	Pathanamthitta	2500	1350
Laha	Pathanamthitta	0	184
MAY-Mallapally Ull	Pathanamthitta	2000	4500

1	2	3	4
Murnjakal	Pathanamthitta	1700	800
Naranganam	Pathanamthitta	0	2000
Niranam	Pathanamthitta	4000	500
Pandalam	Pathanamthitta	6000	500
Peringanad	Pathanamthitta	1500	500
Ranni	Pathanamthitta	6500	1000
Seethathode	Pathanamthitta	900	1250
TLA-Tiruvalla Ull	Pathanamthitta	2500	3000
Thannithode	Pathanamthitta	750	250
Thekkuthode	Pathanamthitta	550	650
Theodical	Pathanamthitta	2500	1000
Thiruvalla	Pathanamthitta	0	3000
Vadasserikkara	Pathanamthitta	2000	1500
Sub Total		71600	36684
Achancoll	Quilon	160	184
Alappad	Quilon	520	480
Aryankavu	Quilon	368	632
Bharathipuram	Quilon	368	1142
Chavara	Quilon	5000	3000
Chavara-South	Quilon	528	980
Chunda	Quilon	368	1132
East Kallada	Quilon	1000	1000
Edamon-Punalur	Quilon	1000	400
Elkattoor	Quilon	1000	400
KCD-Karicode Ull	Quilon	4000	3000
Karavallur	Quilon	0	2000
Karunagapally	Quilon	10000	2000
Kottiyam	Quilon	4000	2000

1	2	3	4
Kummil	Quilon	184	816
Kunnicode	Quilon	2024	1500
Madathara	Quilon	1200	400
Manalil	Quilon	368	632
Manappally	Quilon	2000	1500
Mayyanad	Quilon	2000	1000
Mukhathala	Quilon	0	2000
Mukkada	Quilon	0	3000
Mundakkal	Quilon	0	3000
Munroe-Island	Quilon	336	664
Mynagapally	Quilon	1400	1600
Nedumpana	Quilon	4000	2000
Paravoor	Quilon	3000	3000
Paripally	Quilon	3000	2000
Pattazhi	Quilon	1512	488
Pooyapally	Quilon	3000	1500
Pulamon	Quilon	0	2500
QLN-Kavanad	Quilon	3000	1000
QLN-Pallimukku	Quilon	5000	2000
QLN-Vellayittambalam Ull	Quilon	1750	500
Sasthamkotta	Quilon	4000	2000
Sooranadu	Quilon	1400	1600
Saryikkad	Quilon	0	1000
Thadikkadu	Quilon	368	1142
Thalavoor	Quilon	1000	500
Thankasserry	Quilon	0	2000
Thenmala	Quilon	344	656
Thevalakkara	Quilon	2000	3000



1	2	3	4
Thodiyur	Quilon	3500	1500
Thudayannur	Quilon	0	1500
Uliakkol	Quilon	0	2000
Vallikkavu	Quilon	2000	1500
Sub Total		76698	67848
Alagappanagar	Trichur	5000	2000
Amalanagar	Trichur	0	4000
Athirappally	Trichur	0	184
Chazhoor	Trichur	3500	1500
Chelakkara	Trichur	2500	1500
Cherpu	Trichur	5000	2000
Chowghat	Trichur	6000	500
Cranganore	Trichur	9000	4000
Edakkazhiyur	Trichur	1500	500
Elanad	Trichur	1000	400
Engandiyoor	Trichur	3000	1500
Eriyadu	Trichur	0	5000
Erumapetty	Trichur	1500	1500
Guruvayur	Trichur	7000	2000
Inchakudu	Trichur	0	1500
Kadappuram	Trichur	1500	1000
Kadukutty	Trichur	0	2000
Kannara	Trichur	2500	1000
Kecheri	Trichur	2500	1000
Kodakara	Trichur	4048	1500
Kondazhy	Trichur	352	648
Mattom	Trichur	2000	2000
Moorkanad (TCR)	Trichur	2100	1000

1	2	3	4
Mulamkunnathukavu	Trichur	4000	1500
Nedupuzha	Trichur	0	3000
Ollur	Trichur	6000	1500
Palapety	Trichur	0	4000
Parappur	Trichur	2250	1500
Pariyaram	Trichur	1684	1000
Pazhayannur	Trichur	1128	872
Peechi	Trichur	0	1000
Perumplavu	Trichur	3000	2000
Punnaparambu	Trichur	1000	1500
Sreenarayanapuram	Trichur	3000	2000
TRC-Trichur VIII	Trichur	2000	2000
Thottippal	Trichur	0	1500
Tiruvilwamala	Trichur	1500	500
Vadakkanchery CN	Trichur	4000	1500
Valappad	Trichur	7000	8000
Vallatholnagar	Trichur	1500	1000
Varandarapilly	Trichur	2032	1500
Vellangallur	Trichur	5600	2000
Vellikulangara	Trichur	2200	1000
Velur-Cochin	Trichur	1500	1000
Venkitangu	Trichur	3250	2000
Vettilappara	Trichur	452	548
Sub Total		113096	80652
Alancode	Trivandrum	0	1500
Aruvikkara	Trivandrum	1784	216
Aruvippuram	Trivandrum	1400	600
Attingal	Trivandrum	10000	1000

1	2	3	4
Avanamcheri	Trivandrum	0	2000
Ayiroor (TV)	Trivandrum	1768	1232
Balarampuram	Trivandrum	4992	3000
Chullimanur	Trivandrum	0	2000
Edava	Trivandrum	1952	1548
Kadakkavur	Trivandrum	2000	1000
Kakkamoola	Trivandrum	0	2000
Kallambalam	Trivandrum	4000	1000
Kallikadu	Trivandrum	1000	1000
Kaniyapuram	Trivandrum	4000	2000
Kanjiramkulam	Trivandrum	2640	2000
Kannammoola	Trivandrum	0	2000
Karakonam	Trivandrum	1400	1000
Karakulam	Trivandrum	0	1000
Kattakada	Trivandrum	4500	1500
Killipalam	Trivandrum	0	4000
Kottur	Trivandrum	0	1000
Madanvila Pthura	Trivandrum	1000	500
Mannoorkonam	Trivandrum	1000	1000
Medical College	Trivandrum	0	1000
Meenamkulam	Trivandrum	0	1000
Melvettoor	Trivandrum	0	1000
Murukkumpuzha	Trivandrum	2048	1000
Neyyattinkara	Trivandrum	6000	1000
Parassala	Trivandrum	2800	1700
Pattom	Trivandrum	0	2000
Pezhummoodu	Trivandrum	0	1000
Poovar	Trivandrum	2768	732

1	2	3	4
Powdikkonam	Trivandrum	0	2000
Punnakulam	Trivandrum	0	2000
Puthukulangara	Trivandrum	0	1000
TVM-Central	Trivandrum	14000	1000
TVM-Kariavattom	Trivandrum	7000	1500
TVM-Nemom	Trivandrum	4000	500
TVM-Vellayambalam	Trivandrum	10716	1284
Thattathumala	Trivandrum	0	2000
Thennur	Trivandrum	0	1500
Varkala	Trivandrum	9596	2404
Vellaikkadavu	Trivandrum	0	2000
Vellarada	Trivandrum	1400	2500
Vengode	Trivandrum	1368	1132
Vizhinjam	Trivandrum	5632	1000
Sub Total		110764	66348
Ambalavayal	Wynad	384	1616
Cheeral	Wynad	552	848
Cheriyankolly	Wynad	0	544
Chooralmala	Wynad	0	544
Chulliode	Wynad	552	848
Irulam	Wynad	0	1000
Kallody	Wynad	0	1000
Kalpetta	Wynad	6032	968
Karakkamala	Wynad	0	1400
Kartikulam	Wynad	376	1124
Meenangady	Wynad	3000	500
Meppadi	Wynad	1900	100
Noolpuzha	Wynad	552	848

1	2	3	4
Padichira	Wynad	272	12283
Pallikunnu (CLT)	Wynad	520	1480
Panamaram	Wynad	1128	1372
Peria(CLT)	Wynad	368	632
Pulpally	Wynad	1400	2600
Sultan's Battery	Wynad	3250	4500
Thalapoya	Wynad	368	632

1	2	3	4
Thariode	Wynad	360	1140
Tirunelli	Wynad	176	184
Valad	Wynad	368	632
Varadoor	Wynad	354	646
Vellamunda	Wynad	1016	984
Sub Total		22928	38425
Total		832404	724360

**Statement-IV***Existing Capacity and Expansion Plan 2001-2002 for Bihar*

Sl. No.	Exchange	District	SSA	Capacity	By (Lines)
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Akhgaon	Bhojpur	Arrah	336	152
2	Arrah	Bhojpur	Arrah	2880	120
3	Gajrajganj	Bhojpur	Arrah	336	664
4	Garhani	Bhojpur	Arrah	488	512
5	Gidha	Bhojpur	Arrah	336	152
6	Jagdishpur	Bhojpur	Arrah	336	664
7	Koilwar	Bhojpur	Arrah	336	664
8	Narhi Chandi	Bhojpur	Arrah	336	152
9	Piro	Bhojpur	Arrah	1000	400
10	Sahpur	Bhojpur	Arrah	336	664
11	Buxar	Buxar	Arrah	5000	1000
12	Chausa	Buxar	Arrah	336	152
13	Koransarai	Buxar	Arrah	184	816
14	Pratap Sagar	Buxar	Arrah	336	152
15	Banka	Banka	Bhagalpur	1400	600
16	Bounsi	Banka	Bhagalpur	760	520
17	Katoria	Banka	Bhagalpur	296	704

1	2	3	4	5	6
18	Bhagalpur	Bhagalpur	Bhagalpur	16000	2000
19	Mirjanhat	Bhagalpur	Bhagalpur	0	2000
20	Tilkamanjhi	Bhagalpur	Bhagalpur	0	2000
21	Ishipur	Bhagalpur	Bhagalpur	336	664
22	Kahalgaoon	Bhagalpur	Bhagalpur	2800	200
23	Nathnagar	Bhagalpur	Bhagalpur	2000	1000
24	Barakagaon	Gopalganj	Chapra	336	208
25	Bhore	Gopalganj	Chapra	336	664
26	Gopalganj	Gopalganj	Chapra	3000	1000
27	Hathua	Gopalganj	Chapra	1400	1000
28	Manjhagarh	Gopalganj	Chapra	184	304
29	Sasamusa	Gopalganj	Chapra	384	704
30	Bhagwanpur Hat	Maharajganj	Chapra	336	664
31	Amnaur	Saran	Chapra	336	664
32	Baniapur	Saran	Chapra	336	664
33	Chapra	Saran	Chapra	8000	2000
34	Dighwara	Saran	Chapra	528	696
35	Garkha	Saran	Chapra	448	552
36	Jalalpur	Saran	Chapra	368	176
37	Kopa	Saran	Chapra	488	512
38	Manjhi	Saran	Chapra	184	176
39	Nayagaon	Saran	Chapra	304	696
40	Sonepur	Saran	Chapra	1000	400
41	Taraiya	Saran	Chapra	336	664
42	Andar	Siwan	Chapra	152	848
43	Barharia	Siwan	Chapra	184	816
44	Daraunda	Siwan	Chapra	336	664
45	Gopalpur	Siwan	Chapra	232	256

1	2	3	4	5	6
46	Goreya Kothi	Siwan	Chapra	152	848
47	Hasanpura	Siwan	Chapra	232	768
48	Jeeradei	Siwan	Chapra	152	848
49	Pachrukhi	Siwan	Chapra	184	816
50	Raghunthpur	Siwan	Chapra	152	336
51	Siwan	Siwan	Chapra	6000	2000
52	Tarwara (Din Dayalpur)	Siwan	Chapra	352	1000
53	Baheri	Darbhanga	Darbhanga	336	664
54	Benipur	Darbhanga	Darbhanga	1000	400
55	Darbhanga	Darbhanga	Darbhanga	12000	6000
56	Ghanshyampur	Darbhanga	Darbhanga	336	664
57	Laheriasarai	Darbhanga	Darbhanga	4000	0
58	Majhaulia	Darbhanga	Darbhanga	336	664
59	Tarsarai	Darbhanga	Darbhanga	376	624
60	Babu Barhi	Madhubani	Darbhanga	184	304
61	Basopatty	Madhubani	Darbhanga	368	632
62	Benipatty	Madhubani	Darbhanga	1016	400
63	Bisfi	Madhubani	Darbhanga	376	624
64	Jainagar	Madhubani	Darbhanga	1400	1000
65	Jhanjharpur	Madhubani	Darbhanga	1400	1000
66	Kaluahi	Madhubani	Darbhanga	336	664
67	Khajauli	Madhubani	Darbhanga	184	184
68	Kollakh	Madhubani	Darbhanga	336	152
69	Madhepur	Madhubani	Darbhanga	336	664
70	Madhubani	Madhubani	Darbhanga	5000	1000
71	Rahika	Madhubani	Darbhanga	376	624
72	Rajnagar	Madhubani	Darbhanga	376	624
73	Sarisopahi	Madhubani	Darbhanga	336	664

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74	Tulapatganj	Madhubani	Darbhangha	368	632
75	Bhirha	Samastipur	Darbhangha	320	168
76	Bihan	Samastipur	Darbhangha	352	136
77	Dalsingsarai	Samastipur	Darbhangha	1400	600
78	Hasanpur	Samastipur	Darbhangha	504	496
79	Kalyanpur	Samastipur	Darbhangha	304	184
80	Karian	Samastipur	Darbhangha	184	316
81	Khalispur	Samastipur	Darbhangha	176	184
82	Mohluddinagar	Samastipur	Darbhangha	184	176
83	Morwa	Samastipur	Darbhangha	336	152
84	Musarigharari	Samastipur	Darbhangha	152	336
85	Pusa	Samastipur	Darbhangha	520	480
86	Rosera	Samastipur	Darbhangha	1576	1424
87	Samastipur	Samastipur	Darbhangha	4384	2616
88	Sarairanjan	Samastipur	Darbhangha	184	816
89	Singhia	Samastipur	Darbhangha	176	312
90	Singhia Ghat	Samastipur	Darbhangha	320	168
91	Sonsa	Samastipur	Darbhangha	1000	400
92	Ujjarpur	Samastipur	Darbhangha	336	664
93	Vidyapatnagar	Samastipur	Darbhangha	336	664
94	Waini	Samastipur	Darbhangha	184	304
95	Nirmali	Supaul	Darbhangha	368	152
96	Aurangabad	Aurangabad	Gaya	4000	1000
97	Madanpur	Aurangabad	Gaya	304	696
98	Nabinagar	Aurangabad	Gaya	304	56
99	Rafiganj	Aurangabad	Gaya	384	704
100	Belaganj	Gaya	Gaya	768	704
101	Bhadeya	Gaya	Gaya	304	696

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102	Bodhgaya	Gaya	Gaya	1000	1000
103	Chakand	Gaya	Gaya	456	664
104	Fatehpur	Gaya	Gaya	304	696
105	Gaya PRX	Gaya	Gaya	4000	2000
106	Khizersarai	Gaya	Gaya	304	696
107	Tekari	Gaya	Gaya	336	664
108	Wazirganj	Gaya	Gaya	1000	400
109	Arwal	Jahanabad	Gaya	384	704
110	Jehanabad	Jahanabad	Gaya	4000	1000
111	Kurtha	Jahanabad	Gaya	184	816
112	Mehandia	Jahanabad	Gaya	304	696
113	Tehta	Jahanabad	Gaya	368	632
114	Hasua	Nawada	Gaya	768	704
115	Chaksikander	Vaishali	Hajipur	336	664
116	Chehrakala	Vaishali	Hajipur	336	664
117	Fulhara	Vaishali	Hajipur	336	664
118	Ghataro	Vaishali	Hajipur	336	664
119	Harpur Belwa	Vaishali	Hajipur	336	848
120	Kanchanpur	Vaishali	Hajipur	336	664
121	Kanhauli	Vaishali	Hajipur	152	336
122	Lalganj	Vaishali	Hajipur	1000	1000
123	Laxmanpur	Vaishali	Hajipur	184	304
124	Mahnar	Vaishali	Hajipur	1000	1000
125	Mahua	Vaishali	Hajipur	1000	1000
126	Premraj	Vaishali	Hajipur	336	152
127	Raja Pakar	Vaishali	Hajipur	336	152
128	Sahdei	Vaishali	Hajipur	336	664
129	Simarwara	Vaishali	Hajipur	184	304

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130	Forbesganj (U)	Araria	Katihar	2800	1200
131	Narayanpur	Bhagalpur	Katihar	304	696
132	Saidpur	Bhagalpur	Katihar	304	696
133	Gurubazar	Katihar	Katihar	488	512
134	Katihar (U)	Katihar	Katihar	9000	2000
135	Kursela	Katihar	Katihar	304	696
136	Manihari (U)	Katihar	Katihar	360	704
137	Salmani	Katihar	Katihar	296	704
138	Sonaili	Katihar	Katihar	368	632
139	Kishanganj (U)	Kishanganj	Katihar	3000	1000
140	Balsi	Purnea	Katihar	304	696
141	Barharakthi	Purnea	Katihar	360	640
142	Bhawanipur	Purnea	Katihar	696	704
143	Gulabbagh (U)	Purnea	Katihar	2900	100
144	Harda	Purnea	Katihar	320	168
145	Jalalgarh	Purnea	Katihar	336	152
146	Purnea (U)	Purnea	Katihar	9000	1000
147	Ranipatra	Purnea	Katihar	336	152
148	Rauta	Purnea	Katihar	336	152
149	Barauni	Begusarai	Khagaria	1400	1600
150	Begusarai	Begusarai	Khagaria	8500	2000
151	Bhagwanpur	Begusarai	Khagaria	152	208
152	Bihat	Begusarai	Khagaria	1400	1600
153	Garhpura	Begusarai	Khagaria	336	664
154	Khodabandpur	Begusarai	Khagaria	336	848
155	Lakhminia	Begusarai	Khagaria	1400	600
156	Majhaul	Begusarai	Khagaria	184	816
157	Matihani	Begusarai	Khagaria	336	664



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158	Navkothi	Begusarai	Khagaria	336	664
159	Alauli	Khagaria	Khagaria	336	664
160	Bela Simri	Khagaria	Khagaria	336	336
161	Beldaur	Khagaria	Khagaria	184	208
162	Chautham	Khagaria	Khagaria	336	152
163	Haripur	Khagaria	Khagaria	336	664
164	Jalkaura	Khagaria	Khagaria	336	308
165	Khagaria	Khagaria	Khagaria	4000	1000
166	Mansi	Khagaria	Khagaria	368	664
167	Marar	Khagaria	Khagaria	336	664
168	Parbatta	Khagaria	Khagaria	168	832
169	Pasraha	Khagaria	Khagaria	184	816
170	Lohianagar		Khagaria	0	2000
171	Adapur	E. Champaran	Motihari	360	640
172	Chhauradano	E. Champaran	Motihari	360	640
173	Damodarpur	E. Champaran	Motihari	368	632
174	Dariapur	E. Champaran	Motihari	384	616
175	G. Madhuban	E. Champaran	Motihari	368	632
176	Harsidhi	E. Champaran	Motihari	192	808
177	Lakhaura	E. Champaran	Motihari	368	632
178	Mehsi	E. Champaran	Motihari	368	632
179	Motihari	E. Champaran	Motihari	9000	2000
180	Raxaul	E. Champaran	Motihari	5000	1000
181	Sugauli	E. Champaran	Motihari	384	616
182	Turkaulia	E. Champaran	Motihari	384	616
183	Alamganj Bazar	W. Champaran	Motihari	336	664
184	Bagaha	W. Champaran	Motihari	1400	600
185	Jogapatti	W. Champaran	Motihari	336	664

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186	Lauria	W. Champaran	Motihari	368	848
187	Jamui	Jamui	Munger	2400	1600
188	Mallehpur	Jamui	Munger	336	664
189	Sikandra	Jamui	Munger	336	152
190	Kaithawa	Lakhisarai	Munger	152	184
191	Lakhisarai	Lakhisarai	Munger	3000	1000
192	Rampur	Lakhisarai	Munger	488	512
193	Surajgarh	Lakhisarai	Munger	488	512
194	Tetarhat	Lakhisarai	Munger	304	184
195	Asarganj	Munger	Munger	336	664
196	Bariarpur	Munger	Munger	456	696
197	Dharhara	Munger	Munger	456	696
198	Ghorghat	Munger	Munger	304	696
199	Hemjapur	Munger	Munger	456	696
200	Jamulpur	Munger	Munger	4000	2000
201	Munger	Munger	Munger	7000	3000
202	Sangrampur	Munger	Munger	336	664
203	Aurai	MUZ	MUZ	336	664
204	Benibad	MZP	MZP	384	704
205	Dardha	MZP	MZP	336	664
206	Dholi	MZP	MZP	1000	1000
207	Goshala	MZP	MZP	2000	1000
208	Kanti	MZP	MZP	1000	400
209	Karnaul	MZP	MZP	240	120
210	Motipur	MZP	MZP	790	704
211	MZ-Mit	MZP	MZP	4000	2000
212	Mzpmaln E10B	MZP	MZP	13000	0
213	Pachdahi	MZP	MZP	336	664

1	2	3	4	5	6
214	Paroo	MZP	MZP	152	208
215	Ratwara	MZP	MZP	4000	2000
216	Saraiya	MZP	MZP	336	24
217	Sheohar	Sheohar	MZP	1000	400
218	Bairgania	Sitamarhi	MZP	376	624
219	Bajpatti	Sitamarhi	MZP	336	664
220	Parihar	Sitamarhi	MZP	336	664
221	Runisaidpur	Sitamarhi	MZP	336	664
222	Sitamarhi	Sitamarhi	MZP	5500	4600
223	Sursand	Sitamarhi	MZP	336	664
224	Silao	Nalanda	Patna	336	316
225	Chandi	Nalanda	Patna	336	664
226	Devisarai	Nalanda	Patna	304	696
227	Harnaut	Nalanda	Patna	336	664
228	Hilsa	Nalanda	Patna	1400	1600
229	Islampur	Nalanda	Patna	336	1000
230	Nagarnausa	Nalanda	Patna	304	184
231	Nalanda	Nalanda	Patna	336	152
232	Rahui	Nalanda	Patna	304	196
233	Athmalgola	Patna	Patna	336	664
234	Bakhtiarpur	Patna	Patna	1000	1000
235	Barh	Patna	Patna	1400	1600
236	Beldarichak	Patna	Patna	152	98
237	Bihta	Patna	Patna	1000	1000
238	Danapur	Patna	Patna	5000	2000
239	Dayal Chak	Patna	Patna	336	1000
240	Fatwah	Patna	Patna	1400	600
241	Kankerbagh	Patna	Patna	25000	2000

1	2	3	4	5	6
242	Khagaul	Patna	Patna	2000	2000
243	Khusrupur	Patna	Patna	336	164
244	Kidwaipuri	Patna	Patna	7500	2000
245	Masaurhi	Patna	Patna	1400	600
246	Mokama	Patna	Patna	1008	1000
247	Naubatpur	Patna	Patna	368	632
248	Patelnagar	Patna	Patna	11000	0
249	Patliputra	Patna	Patna	17000	3000
250	Patna City	Patna	Patna	11000	3000
251	Punpun	Patna	Patna	336	664
252	Sampatchak	Patna	Patna	304	696
253	Alamnagar	Madhepura	Saharsa	304	696
254	Chausa	Madhepura	Saharsa	304	696
255	Puraini	Madhepura	Saharsa	320	680
256	Balua Hat	Saharsa	Saharsa	152	848
257	Sonabarsa Raj	Saharsa	Saharsa	344	656
258	Chhatapur	Supaul	Saharsa	304	696
259	Pipra	Supaul	Saharsa	320	680
260	Pratapganj	Supaul	Saharsa	320	680
261	Sukhpur	Supaul	Saharsa	344	144
262	Supaul	Supaul	Saharsa	2000	1000
263	Bhabua	Bhabua	Sasaram	2400	600
264	Mohania	Bhabua	Sasaram	2400	600
265	Dinara	Sasaram	Sasaram	368	120
266	Jamuhar	Sasaram	Sasaram	336	664
267	Karakat	Sasaram	Sasaram	336	120
268	Kargahar	Sasaram	Sasaram	336	664
269	Nasariganj	Sasaram	Sasaram	336	664

1	2	3	4	5	6
270	Sanjhauli	Sasaram	Sasaram	336	152
271	Blkramganj	Sasaram	Sasaram	1400	600
272	Dawath	Sasaram	Sasaram	336	664
273	Ramgarh	Bhabhua	Sasaram	1000	400
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List of places where exchanges are working in Departmental Building - Kerala Circle		Alleppey	Shertallai
District	Name of Places	Alleppey	Thycattussery
1	2	Alleppey	Trikkunnappuzha
Alleppey	ALP-Alleppey UII	Alleppey	use-Alleppey UI
Alleppey	ALP-Alleppey UIII	Calicut	Atholi
Alleppey	Ambalapuzha	Calicut	BDA-Badagara UI
Alleppey	Aroor	Calicut	BDA-Badagara UII
Alleppey	Chengannoor	Calicut	CLT-Chevayur
Alleppey	Edathua	Calicut	CLT-Malaparamba UI
Alleppey	Haripad	Calicut	CLT-Malaparamba UII
Alleppey	Karakkad	Calicut	CLT-Mananchira
Alleppey	Karuvatta	Calicut	CLT-Palayam UI
Alleppey	Kattanam	Calicut	CLT-Palayam UII
Alleppey	Kayamkulam	Calicut	CLT-Panniyankara
Alleppey	Kollakadavu	Calicut	CLT-Vellayil
Alleppey	Kuthiathode	Calicut	CLT-West Hill UI
Alleppey	MVK-Mavelikkara UI	Calicut	CLT-West Hill UII
Alleppey	MVK-Mavelikkara UII	Calicut	Chakkittapara
Alleppey	Mannar	Calicut	Chathamangalam REC
Alleppey	Nooranadu	Calicut	Chombala
Alleppey	Pattanakkad	Calicut	Elathur
Alleppey	Pulincunnu	Calicut	Feroke
Alleppey	S L Puram		

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Calicut	Kadalundi
Calicut	Kodencherry
Calicut	Koduvally
Calicut	Koorachundu
Calicut	Kunnamangalam
Calicut	Mavoor
Calicut	Mokkam
Calicut	Nadapuram
Calicut	Naduvannur
Calicut	Ponmeri
Calicut	Puduppady
Calicut	Quilandi
Calicut	Tamarassery
Calicut	Tiruvambady
Cannanore	Alacode
Cannanore	Anjarakandy
Cannanore	Aralam
Cannanore	BPM-Baliapattom UI
Cannanore	BPM-Baliapattom UII
Cannanore	CNN-Cannanore UI
Cannanore	CNN-Cannanore UII
Cannanore	Chemperi
Cannanore	Cherukunnu
Cannanore	Cherupuzha
Cannanore	Edakkad
Cannanore	Irikkur
Cannanore	Iritty
Cannanore	Kelakom
Cannanore	Koothuparamba
Cannanore	Kudiyannala

1	2
Cannanore	Mangattuparamba
Cannanore	Mathamangalam
Cannanore	Mathil
Cannanore	Mattannur
Cannanore	Panoor
Cannanore	Payangadi
Cannanore	Payyannur
Cannanore	Payyavur
Cannanore	Peravoor
Cannanore	Sreekandapuram
Cannanore	Talparamba
Cannanore	Tellicherry
Cannanore	Thoovakkunnu
Ernakulam	Alwaye
Ernakulam	Angamaly
Ernakulam	Chittoor
Ernakulam	EKM-Cochin
Ernakulam	EKM-Ernakulam I
Ernakulam	EKM-Ernakulam II
Ernakulam	EKM-Palarivattom UI
Ernakulam	EKM-Palarivattom UII
Ernakulam	EKM-Palluruthy
Ernakulam	EKM-Panampallinagar
Ernakulam	EKM-SRM Road
Ernakulam	EKM-Service Line
Ernakulam	EKM-W. Land
Ernakulam	KSY-Kalamassery UI
Ernakulam	KSY-Kalamassery UII
Ernakulam	Kadavoor
Ernakulam	Kalady

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Ernakulam	Kalloorkad
Ernakulam	Kolencherry
Ernakulam	Koothattukulam
Ernakulam	Koovapady
Ernakulam	Kothamangalam
Ernakulam	Maneed
Ernakulam	Mulamthuruthy
Ernakulam	Muvattupuzha
Ernakulam	Narakkal
Ernakulam	Neriyamangalam
Ernakulam	Nettoor
Ernakulam	PRU-Parur UI
Ernakulam	PRU-Parur UII
Ernakulam	Pampakuda
Ernakulam	Pandapally
Ernakulam	Perumbavoor
Ernakulam	Peravam
Ernakulam	Poothanicadu
Ernakulam	TPN-Tripunithura UI
Ernakulam	Udayamperur
Ernakulam	Varapuzha
Ernakulam	Vazhakulam
Idukki	Adimaly
Idukki	Arakulam
Idukki	Devicolam
Idukki	Idukki
Idukki	Iruttukanam
Idukki	Kallar

1	2
Idukki	Karimannur
Idukki	Kattapana
Idukki	Kodikulam
Idukki	Munnar
Idukki	Muttom
Idukki	Nedumgandom
Idukki	Peermade
Idukki	Thodupuzha
Idukki	Udumbannoor
Idukki	Vannappuram
Idukki	Vellathooval
Kasaragod	Chengala
Kasaragod	Cheruvathur
Kasaragod	Kanhangad
Kasaragod	Kasaragod
Kasaragod	Kuttikole
Kasaragod	Manjeshwar
Kasaragod	Muliyar
Kasaragod	Mulleria
Kasaragod	Nileswar
Kasaragod	Perdala
Kasaragod	Peria
Kasaragod	Uduma
Kasaragod	Uppala
Kottayam	Ayarkunnam
Kottayam	Bharananganam
Kottayam	CHC-Changanacherry UI
Kottayam	CHC-Changanacherry UII
Kottayam	Chempu

1	2	1	2
Kottayam	Chengalam	Kottayam	Ponkunnam
Kottayam	Chingavanam	Kottayam	Poovaranl
Kottayam	ETR-Ettumanoor UI	Kottayam	Ramapuram
Kottayam	ETR-Ettumanoor UII	Kottayam	Sabarimala
Kottayam	Erattupetta	Kottayam	Talayolaparambu
Kottayam	Erumeli	Kottayam	Vaikom
Kottayam	Gandhinagar	Kottayam	Vakathanam
Kottayam	KTM-Kottayam UI	Kottayam	Vazhoor
Kottayam	KTM-Kottayam UII	Lakshadweep	Amini
Kottayam	Kanjirapally	Lakshadweep	Androth
Kottayam	Kidangoor	Lakshadweep	Bitra
Kottayam	Kollapally	Lakshadweep	Chetlat
Kottayam	Kootikkal	Lakshadweep	Kadamath
Kottayam	Kozhuvanal	Lakshadweep	Minicoy
Kottayam	Kudavechoor	Malappuram	Chelari
Kottayam	Kumarakom	Malappuram	Edapal
Kottayam	Kuruppanthara	Malappuram	Kalpakan cherry
Kottayam	Kuruvilangad	Malappuram	Kondotty
Kottayam	Manimala	Malappuram	Kottakkal
Kottayam	Marangattupally	Malappuram	Kuttippuram
Kottayam	Monipally	Malappuram	Malappuram
Kottayam	Moonilavu	Malappuram	Manjeri
Kottayam	Njeezhoor	Malappuram	Nilambur
Kottayam	PLI-Palai UI	Malappuram	Pandikkad
Kottayam	PLI-Palai UII	Malappuram	Parappanangadi
Kottayam	Pallikkathodu	Malappuram	Perinthalmanna
Kottayam	Pampa	Malappuram	Ponnani
Kottayam	Pampady	Malappuram	TIR-Tirur UI
Kottayam	Pinnakkanadu		



1	2
Malappuram	TIR-Tirur UII
Malappuram	Valluvambram
Malappuram	Vengara
Malappuram	Wandoor
Palghat	Alathur
Palghat	CTR-Chittur
Palghat	Chalissery
Palghat	Chandranagar
Palghat	Cherplassery
Palghat	Coyalmanna
Palghat	Kadambazhipuram
Palghat	Kalkandy
Palghat	Kaladikode
Palghat	Kanjikode
Palghat	Koduvayur
Palghat	Kongad
Palghat	Kozhinjampara
Palghat	Kunissery
Palghat	Mannarghat
Palghat	Mundur
Palghat	Ottapalam
Palghat	PGT-Olavakkot
Palghat	PGT-Palghat UI
Palghat	PGT-Palghat UII
Palghat	Parli
Palghat	Pathiripala
Palghat	Pattambi
Palghat	Shoranur
Palghat	Thrithala

1	2
Palghat	Vadakkanchery-MB
Pathanamthitta	Adoor
Pathanamthitta	Elanthur
Pathanamthitta	KNI-Konni UI
Pathanamthitta	KNI-Konni UII
Pathanamthitta	Kadambanadu
Pathanamthitta	Kodumon
Pathanamthitta	Kozhencherry
Pathanamthitta	Kumbanad
Pathanamthitta	MAY-Mallapally UI
Pathanamthitta	MAY-Mallapally UII
Pathanamthitta	Malayalapuzha
Pathanamthitta	PTA-Pathanamthitta UI
Pathanamthitta	PTA-Pathanamthitta UII
Pathanamthitta	Pandalam
Pathanamthitta	Ranni
Pathanamthitta	TLA-Tiruvalla UI
Pathanamthitta	TLA-Tiruvalla UII
Pondicherry	Mahe
Quilon	Anchal
Quilon	Ayoor
Quilon	Chadayamangalam
Quilon	Channapetta
Quilon	Chathanoor-QLN
Quilon	Chavara
Quilon	Chepra
Quilon	Irumbanangad
Quilon	KCD-Karicode UI

1	2
Quilon	KCD-Karicode UII
Quilon	Kadakkal
Quilon	Karunagapally
Quilon	Kokkad
Quilon	Kottarakkara
Quilon	Kottiyam
Quilon	Kulathupuzha
Quilon	Kundara
Quilon	Kunnathur
Quilon	Kunnicode
Quilon	Mayyanad
Quilon	Nedumpana
Quilon	Ochira
Quilon	Paravoor
Quilon	Paripally
Quilon	Pathanapuram
Quilon	Pattazhi
Quilon	Perinad
Quilon	Pooyapally
Quilon	Punatur
Quilon	Punna
Quilon	Puthur
Quilon	QLN-Chinnakkada
Quilon	QLN-Quilon
Quilon	QLN-Vellayittambalam UI
Quilon	QLN-Vellayittambalam UII
Quilon	Sasthamkotta
Quilon	Thenmala
Quilon	Velinallur

1	2
Quilon	Vettikkavala
Trichur	Annamanada
Trichur	CKD-Chalakudy UI
Trichur	CKD-Chalakudy UII
Trichur	Chazhoor
Trichur	Cherpu
Trichur	Cranganore
Trichur	Guruvayur
Trichur	Irinjalakuda
Trichur	Kandassankadavu
Trichur	Kannara
Trichur	Kattoor
Trichur	Kodakara
Trichur	Koratty
Trichur	Kunnamkulam
Trichur	Mala
Trichur	Mulamkunnathukavu
Trichur	Mundur-Cochin
Trichur	Ollur
Trichur	Perinannam
Trichur	Poovathur
Trichur	Punnayurkulam
Trichur	TRC-Poonkunnam
Trichur	TRC-Trichur UI
Trichur	TRC-Trichur UII
Trichur	TRC-Trichur UIII
Trichur	Vadakkanchery CN
Trichur	Valappad
Trichur	Varandarapilly

1	2
Trichur	Vellangallur
Trichur	Vellikulangara
Trivandrum	Amboor
Trivandrum	Aryanad
Trivandrum	Attingal
Trivandrum	Kaniyapuram
Trivandrum	Kanjiramkulam
Trivandrum	Kattakada
Trivandrum	Kilimanoor
Trivandrum	Madavur Pallikal
Trivandrum	Malayinkil
Trivandrum	Nedumangad
Trivandrum	Nevyattinkara
Trivandrum	Pacha-Palode
Trivandrum	Parassala
Trivandrum	Peringammala
Trivandrum	TVM-Central
Trivandrum	TVM-Kaimanam
Trivandrum	TVM-Kalthamukku UI
Trivandrum	TVM-Kalthamukku UII
Trivandrum	TVM-Kariavattom
Trivandrum	TVM-Manacaud
Trivandrum	TVM-Medical College
Trivandrum	TVM-Paruthipara
Trivandrum	TVM-Vattiyookavu
Trivandrum	TVM-Vellayambalam
Trivandrum	Varkala
Trivandrum	Vithura

1	2
Trivandrum	Vizhinjam
Wynad	Kalpetta
Wynad	Konichira
Wynad	Mananthody
Wynad	Meenangady
Wynad	Pallikunnu (CLT)
Wynad	Pulpally
Wynad	Sultan's Battery

**Statement-VI**

*List of Places where Exchanges are working in  
Departmental building—Bihar Circle*

District	Name of Places
1	2
Bhojpur	Ara
	Ara Kachahari
Buxer	Buxer
	Rajpur
Bhagalpur	Bhagalpur
	Ishipur
	Banmankhi
	Naugachhia
	Narayanpur
Banka	Banka
	Amarpur
Saran	Chapra
	Bheldi
	Garkha
	Ekma
Siwan	Siwan
Gopalganj	Gopalganj
	Hathwa
Darbhanga	Darbhanga
	Biraul
	Laheria Sarai
Samastipur	Samastipur
	Dalsingsarai
	Rosera
Madhubani	Madhubani
	Jainagar

1	2
	Jhanjharpur
	Phulpara
Supaul	Supaul
	Nirmali
	Murliganj
	Jiaram Raghapur
Gaya	Gaya, Bodh Gaya,
	Belaganj
	Sherghati
	Wazirganj
Nawada	Nawada
Aurangabad	Aurangabad
	Daudnagar, Rafiganj
Jahanabad	Jahanabad
	Arwal
Vaishali	Hajipur
	Bhagwanpur
	Saraj
	Lalaganj
	Vaishali
	Patepur
	Mahua
	Birmalakhansen
Katihar	Katihar
	Barsoi
	Dhamdaha
	Bahadurganj
Kishanganj	Kishanganj
	Thakurganj
Araria	Araria
	Forbesganj
Purnea	Purnea
	Dumar
Khagaria	Khagaria
	Alauli
	Beldour
	Muheshkhut
	Muskipur
	Parbatta
Begusarai	Jhakurichuk (Zeromile)
	Begusarai
E. Champaran	Motihari
	Mehar

1	2
	Raxaul
	Bugauli
W. Champaran	Bagha
	Bettiah
	Engilshia
	Harsidhi
	Balmikinagar
Munger	Munger
	Jamalpur
Lakhisarai	Lakhisarai
	Rampur
Shekhpura	Shekhpura
	Sikandra
Jamui	Jamul
	Jhajha
Muzaffarpur	Muzaffarpur
	Ratwara
Sitamarhi	Sitamarhi
Sheohar	Sheohar
Patna	Anisabad
	Bakhtiarpur
	Barli
	Bikram
	Danapur
	Fatuha
	Chandanibagh
	Patna Main
	Hathidah
	Kankarbag
	Khagaul
	Maner
	Mokamah
	Patelnagar
	Pattilputra
	Patna EWSD
	Patna City
	Rajendranagar
	Kidwaiपुर
Nalanda	Biharsharif
	Rajgir
	Hilsa
Saharsa	Saharsa
	Simari Bakhtiarpur
	Balakhua

1	2
Madhepur	Madhepura
	Udakishanganj
Rohtas	Sasaram
	Bikramganj
	Dalmianagar
	Kochas
	Kudra
Bhabhua	Bhabhua
	Mahania

#### **Afro-Asian Games**

34. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL :

SHRI ANANTA NAYAK :

SHRI RAMJIVAN SINGH :

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have decided to hold the Afro-Asian Games this year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total expenditure to be incurred on the participating contingent under different heads;

(d) whether the Government propose to hold the games in other metropolitan cities apart from New Delhi; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PON RADHA-KRISHNAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The First Afro Asian Games are scheduled to be held at New Delhi from 3rd to 11th November 2001. These Games will be held in eight disciplines (Athletics, Football, boxing, shooting, swimming, tennis Hockey (M&W) and Weightlifting (M&W).

(c) The Government has made a provision of Rs. 30.00 crores for the upgradation of infrastructure and purchase of equipments and Rs. 20.00 crores for conduct of the Games.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

[Translation]

#### **Recruitment Agencies**

35. SHRIMATI RENU KUMARI : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether some people and institutes functioning in an illegal manner in various cities especially in Delhi on the pretext of providing jobs to unemployed youth in foreign countries;

(b) if so, the number of such persons/institutes that have come to the notice of the Government who are running such rackets during the last two years and till date;

(c) whether these persons/institutes are forcing the youth to work against their will by retaining their passports with them;

(d) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to help such youth working abroad on compulsion and to get rid of such a misery?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL) : (a) Yes, Madam.

(b) The number of complaints received during the years 1999, 2000 and till date during 2001 is as under :

1999	2000	2001
101	84	33

(c) and (d) Sporadic complaints are received relating to retention of passports of youths working abroad. As and when such complaints are received the Indian Missions/local agents are requested/directed to settle the matter with the help of concerned Governments/Sponsors. If the recruiting agent does not comply with the directions of the Government, action is taken to suspend/cancel the registration of recruiting agent. Foreign employers who violate the terms of employment are placed in the 'Prior Approval Category'. As and when the workers approach the Indian Mission, they are provided all possible help.

[English]

#### **National Highway Development Programme**

36. SHRI CHANDRA BHUSHAN SINGH : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received any

proposal to provide cement concrete pavement on the highway under the National Highway Development Programme (NHDP) and Golden Quadrilateral connecting North to South and East to West;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

(c) whether the life cycle cost for concrete roads is lowest than the initial cost; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN (RETD.) SHRI B.C. KHANDURI) : (a) and (b) Some suggestions have been made by various quarters to provide cement concrete roads on NHDP. Some projects on Golden Quadrilateral have been approved with cement concrete pavement.

(c) and (d) It has been observed that cement concrete roads may have lower life cycle cost in some cases even though their initial cost is high. The decision to provide cement concrete pavement, however, will depend on several factors like availability of concrete pavement equipment, experience of the contracting industry in executing sophisticated concrete pavement works, relative economy of cement and bitumen, funds for initial construction, etc.

#### **Procurement of C-DOT MAX-L Exchange**

37. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received some adverse reports about the procurement of C-DOT MAX-L exchange some time back;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any investigation has been carried out in the matter;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(e) the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government had received the information from Standing Committee on Information Technology (reviewing the working of C-DOT). The Committee had conveyed its concern for placing the purchase orders for Large (L) and Extra Large (XL) exchanges with Multi National

Corporations that were reserved for C-DOT technology exchanges.

(c) Yes, Sir. The inquiry had been carried out by the Advisor (P) DOT, Ministry of Communications, in the matter.

(d) The Inquiry Officer has completed the enquiry and concluded that "No case of diversion of Purchase Order during 2000-01 for MAX-L/XL switches from C-DOT exchange manufacturers to new technology switches has been found".

(e) In view of 'd', No action is warranted.

#### **Development of Vijaywada and Rajamundry Airports**

38. SHRI A. NARENDRA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Airports Authority of India had sanctioned the works for strengthening of runway and construction of new apron and link taxiway at Vijayawada and Rajamundry Airports;

(b) if so, the details of the expenditure incurred out of the sanctioned amount so far; and

(c) the time by which these works are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) For Vijayawada airport the entire sanctioned amount of Rs. 8.32 crores has been sent. For Rajamundry airport an amount of Rs. 8.66 crores had been sanctioned, out of which an expenditure of Rs. 1.60 crores has been incurred till May, 2001.

(c) The work at Vijayawada airport has been completed in July, 1999. The work at Rajamundry airport is likely to be completed by March, 2002.

#### **Over-Payment to Contractor**

39. SHRI SHEESH RAM SINGH RAVI : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Highways Authority made payment to a contractor at higher rates over riding lanes from Km. 358/0 to km. 377/0 Vijayawada-Visakhapatnam section of NH-5 in June, 1993 resulting over payment of Rs. 1.5 crore;

(b) if so, whether the matter has been enquired into and the staff responsibility fixed for violating the terms of agreement/contract;

(c) If so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps initiated by the Government for recovery of over payment made in excess to the contractor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) SHRI B.C KHANDURI) : (a) No, Sir. The work was implemented by Andhra Pradesh PWD. Audit had made an observation that payment of Rs. 1.50 crore for excess quantity of work at higher rate was not as per contract conditions. Replies to the audit's observations have been sent.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

#### **World Bank Assistance for Bihar and Maharashtra**

40. SHRI NIKHIL KUMAR CHOUDHARY :

SHRI DANVE ROASAHEB PATIL :

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Bihar and Maharashtra have sought the World Bank assistance for development of National Highways in the States;

(b) if so, the National and State Highways proposed to be developed in those States with the said assistance; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) SHRI B.C KHANDURI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) One project for four-laning of National Highway No.8 in Maharashtra was taken up under the Second National Highway Project loan of total US \$ 306 million. The project is substantially completed. In Bihar, certain sections of National Highway No.2 are covered into two World Bank Loans, viz. Third National Highway Project (on-going) for US \$ 516 million and Grand Trunk Road Improvement (recently approved by Bank) for US\$ 589 million.

#### **Illegal Trade of Shahtoosh Shawl**

41. SHRI RAM MOHAN GADDE :

SHRIMATI D.M. VIJAYA KUMARI :

SHRI B. VENKATESHWARLU :

DR. RAMESH CHAND TOMAR :

SHRIMATI SHYAMA SINGH :

SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHY :

SHRI SHIVAJI MANE :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether despite the ban on shahtoosh, Shawl, illegal trade of the shawl in India and the fashion capitals of the world is thriving as per reports released by the Wildlife Trust of India and International Fund for Animal Welfare?

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) the number of cases booked and persons arrested who were involved in this trade during the last three years;

(e) whether the Government propose to amend the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 to check the illegal trade of Shatoosh shawl;

(f) If so, the details thereof; and

(g) the extent to which it is likely to check the said trade?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) and (b) Wildlife Trust of India and International Fund for Animal Welfare have recently published a report on the poaching of Tibetan antelope (*Pantholops hodgsonii*) and illegal trade of its derivatives and products. The report gives substantial evidences of poaching of Tibetan Antelope in its natural habitat in Tibet autonomous region, Qinghai and Xinjiang autonomous region of China. The report also provides a comprehensive account of the nexus that exists between the poachers, traders and manufacturers of shawls in various countries including India. Details of seizure made in various countries particularly India, China, France, UK, Hong-Kong, Nepal etc. have been provided.

(c) The steps taken by the Government are :

(i) Tibetan Antelope has been included in Schedule-I of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and poaching and trade is prohibited in the country except in the State of Jammu & Kashmir that has its own Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1978.

(ii) Tibetan Antelope is included in Appendix I of CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora) since 1979. Commercial trade in this species, its parts and derivatives including shahtoosh is prohibited by the Convention. India is one of the signatories to the CITES.

(iii) The State of Jammu & Kashmir has been requested to amend its State Act so as to provide complete protection to the Tibetan Antelope and also to ban the manufacture and trade of shahtoosh shawls and other products.

(iv) A nation wide campaign has been launched with the help of prominent NGOs to provide wide

publicity against use of shahtoosh shawls and other products.

(d) During the last three years 14 cases of illegal trade of shahtoosh have been detected and complaints have been filed against 19 suspected offenders under the provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

(e) to (g) The existing provisions of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 are adequate to take effective action against the offenders. However, the lucrative prices offered for wildlife products in general and shahtoosh shawl, in particular have led to involvement of organised mafias in clandestine trade of wildlife products. Several initiatives have been taken by Central Government to strengthen the implementation of the provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

#### Work-Force of Children

42. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY :

SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINHDE :

SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA :

SHRI SWADESH CHAKRABORTY :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has the largest work-force of children in the world;

(b) if so, the details of the children work-force comprising children below 10 years, between 10 to 14 years and between 14 to 18 years separately;

(c) the number and details of children work-force in begging sex-workers, criminal-gang of pick-pockets, smuggling etc. and in hazardous industries enumerated under the Constitution and the law, separately State-wise;

(d) the estimated number of such child workers under bondage;

(e) the number of those emancipated from bondage and hazardous jobs during 1999-2000, 2000-2001, and the current year and enrolled informal education system; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to curb the present prevalent practices of child labours?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL) : (a) to (c) According to the 1991 census data, the number of working children in the country is 11.28 million. According to some estimates, India may have the largest number of child labour population in the world. The census figures relate to child workers in the age group 5-14 years. State-wise details are given in the statement. Data on children work-force in begging, sex-workers, criminal-gang of pick-pockets, smuggling etc. and industries wise details are not maintained.

(d) and (e) The Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976 does not make any difference between child and adult bonded. The Act also does not make any distinction amongst bonded labour on the basis of sex, caste, creed etc. As such, separate data on the number of children bonded is not reported by the State Governments. During the year 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 as many as 8195 and 5256 bonded labourers have been released and rehabilitated respectively. In the current financial year (2001-2002) up to 30th June 2001, as many as 3844 bonded labourers have been released and rehabilitated. The above figure includes all categories of bonded labours.

(f) Through the schemes of National Child Labour Projects and Grant-in-aid, attempts are being made to rehabilitate children withdrawn from work. Under the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986, employment of children under the age of 14, is prohibited in 13 Occupations and 57 Processes listed in the Schedule to the Act. Additions to the Schedule are being made from time to time on the advice of the Technical Advisory Committee. Awareness Generation activities are also being taken up at the district level.

#### Statement

*State-wise Distribution of Working Children According to 1971, 1981 and 1991 Census*

State/Union Territories		1971 Workers	1981 Workers	1991 Workers
1	2	3	4	5
1	Andhra Pradesh	1,627,492	1,951,312	1,661,940
2	Assam	239,349*	**	327,598
3	Bihar	1,059,359	1,101,764	942,245
4	Gujarat	518,061	616,913	523,585



1	2	3	4	5
5	Haryana	137,826	194,189	109,691
6	Himachal Pradesh	71,384	99,624	56,438
7	Jammu & Kashmir	70,489	258,437	**
8	Karnataka	808,719	1,131,530	976,247
9	Kerala	111,801	92,854	34,800
10	Madhya Pradesh	1,112,319	1,698,597	1,352,563
11	Maharashtra	988,357	1,557,756	1,068,418
12	Manipur	16,380	20,217	16,493
13	Meghalaya	30,440	44,916	34,633
14	Nagaland	13,726	16,235	16,476
15	Orissa	492,477	702,293	452,394
16	Punjab	232,774	216,939	142,868
17	Rajasthan	587,389	819,605	774,199
18	Sikkim	15,661	8,561	5,598
19	Tamil Nadu	713,305	975,055	578,889
20	Tripura	17,490	24,204	16,478
21	Uttar Pradesh	1,326,726	1,434,675	1,410,086
22	West Bengal	511,443	605,263	711,691
23	Andaman & Nikobar Island	572	1,309	1,265
24	Arunachal Pradesh	17,925	17,950	12,395
25	Chandigarh	1,086	1,986	1,870
26	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	3,102	3,615	4,416
27	Delhi	17,120	25,717	27,351
28	Daman & Diu	7,391	9,378	941
29	Goa			4,656
30	Lakshadweep	97	56	34
31	Mizoram	***	6,314	16,411
32	Pondicherry	3,725	3,606	2,680
Total		10,753,985	13,640,870	11,285,349

\* Includes figures of Mizo district also which then formed part of Assam.

\*\* Census could not be conducted.

\*\*\* Census figures of 1971 in respect of Mizoram included under Assam.

N.B. Figures for 1991 relates to workers of age group 5-14 years.

**Cleaning of Yamuna River**

43. DR. D.V.G. SHANKAR RAO :

DR. RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH :

SHRI SUKDEO PASWAN :

SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE :

SHRI PADAM SEN CHOUDHRY :

SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any studies have been undertaken by different agencies/departments/institutes in regard to cleaning of Yamuna river during the last five years as well as current year, till date;

(b) If so, the details and outcome thereof;

(c) the action taken by the Government on each of the reports submitted by them;

(d) the achievements made in cleaning up the Yamuna so far indicating the degree of purity of water alongwith the assistance provided and utilised during the last five years;

(e) the names of cities which have been benefited during the said period as a result thereof;

(f) whether the Government have recently formulated any comprehensive plan/scheme to clean up river Yamuna;

(g) If so, the details thereof indicating the estimated cost of the project/scheme; and

(h) the time by which river Yamuna is likely to be pollution free?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) to (h) The Government of National Capital Territory (NCT) of Delhi had commissioned a study to Water and Power Consultancy Services (WAPCOS) for preparation of a pre-feasibility report for construction of a parallel intercepting sewer along Yamuna in Delhi to prevent the discharge of untreated sewage into the river. A quick study report with an estimated cost of Rs. 800 crore was submitted by WAPCOS. The project was not found feasible as it envisaged to tackle only the point sources of pollution entering the river whereas an integrated action plan tackling all components responsible for pollution of Yamuna in Delhi is necessary for abatement of pollution in the river. Besides this, the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has been carrying out monitoring studies of river Yamuna as per the directions of the Supreme Court. The monitoring, which is being carried out at 4 stations on Yamuna within Delhi, is done on a monthly basis. The CPCB is submitting the data to the Supreme Court on a quarterly basis.

Government launched the Yamuna Action Plan in April, 1993 for cleaning the river. The estimated cost of the Action Plan is Rs. 510 crore comprising Rs. 226 crore for Haryana, Rs. 250 crore for Uttar Pradesh and Rs. 20 crore for Delhi. In addition, under the extended phase of Yamuna Action Plan, a project at an estimated cost of Rs. 222 crore has been approved recently. The action plan covers 21 towns of which 12 are in Haryana and 8 in Uttar Pradesh besides Delhi. The financial assistance provided and utilised under the Yamuna Action Plan during the last 5 years is as under :-

(Rs. in crore)

Financial assistance	1996-97		1997-98		1998-99		1999-2000		2000-01	
	Fund Released	Expenditure	Fund Released	Expenditure	Fund Released	Expenditure	Fund Released	Expenditure	Fund Released	Expenditure
Haryana	63.38	93.26	25.85	45.50	26.50	22.06	14.82	13.66	6.97	5.87
Uttar Pradesh	16.50	25.07	50.55	43.08	47.00	76.85	54.10	63.85	16.70	14.58
Delhi	4.625	6.59	0.825	3.21	2.00	1.66	1.25	1.24	0.675	1.12

All these works are targeted to be completed by March, 2002.

In addition, the Government of NCT of Delhi is implementing projects for construction of additional sewage treatment plants, sewerage of regularised unauthorised colonies and refurbishing of trunk sewerage system.

The water quality of river Yamuna upstream of Delhi upto Palla is within the prescribed standards. However, there has not been much improvement in the water quality in the river stretch along Delhi as the major works are still to be completed.

Under a public interest litigation, Government, through the Ministry of Urban Development in its affidavit dated 08.11.2000 filed in the Supreme Court, submitted an Integrated Action Plan for cleaning of river Yamuna which is to be implemented by the Government of NCT of Delhi. The Integrated Action Plan consists of the following major activities:

- (i) Increase in sewage treatment capacity
- (ii) Sewerage of regularised unauthorised colonies
- (iii) Refurbishing of the trunk sewerage system
- (iv) Removal / relocation of jhuggies from the Yamuna river banks and the drains
- (v) Construction of 15 common effluent treatment plants.

The Supreme Court in its order dated 10.4.2001 has directed the Government of NCT of Delhi to indicate the steps to be taken in order to ensure attaining of the required water quality in the river Yamuna by 31.3.2003. In compliance to the above directions of the Court, the Government of NCT of Delhi has submitted the following schedule :-

(i) The Delhi Jal Board is to create a treatment capacity of 2326 mld by the year 2002. It has projected total treatment capacity requirement of 3298 mld in 2006 and 3661 mld in 2011. Accordingly, it plans to create these capacities by 2005 & 2010 respectively.

(ii) Desilting, rehabilitation of trunk sewers and laying of sewer lines in unauthorised/regularised colonies, resettlement colonies, urban villages subject to technical feasibility, replacement of undersized sewers are planned to be completed by 2005.

(iii) The number of jhuggies on the river banks and

drain has been revised by the Slum and Jhuggies Jhonpri Wing of Municipal Corporation of Delhi from 62000 to approximately 75000. The removal/relocation of these jhuggies will be dependent on the availability of land and resources.

(iv) All the proposed 15 common effluent treatment plants presently under construction will be completed by December, 2002.

(v) The Delhi Jal Board has also prepared an action plan for connecting storm water drainage into sewerage system to prevent flow of untreated waste water into river Yamuna.

#### **ESI Scheme in Gujarat**

44. SHRI DILEEP SANGHANI : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) the number of workers covered by the Employees State Insurance Scheme in Gujarat;

(b) the number of ESI hospitals and dispensaries functioning in Gujarat and also the number of workers being benefited;

(c) the number of hospitals and dispensaries proposed to be set up during the remaining period of Ninth Five Year Plan; and

(d) the number of dispensaries proposed to be modernised and upgraded during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL) : (a) and (b) There are 12 ESI Hospitals and 124 ESI Dispensaries in Gujarat covering 5,72,600 insured persons and their family members.

(c) The ESI Hospitals and Dispensaries are set up in consultation with State Governments on need basis and, therefore, not linked to Five Year Plans. During 2000-2001 the ESIC has sanctioned establishment of two dispensaries i.e. one each at Gandhinagar and Anand Vallabh-Vidyanagar. At present there is no proposal to set up any new hospital/ dispensary in Gujarat.

(d) Under an Action Plan, the ESIC has decided to provide necessary basic equipments to all ESI Dispensaries. Accordingly, the Corporation has sanctioned equipment worth Rs. 17,22,000/- so as to upgrade/modernise dispensaries in Gujarat during the last two years.

[Translation]

**Water Availability Through Rains**

45. DR. SUSHIL KUMAR INDORA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the quantum of water available through rains in the country, State-wise;

(b) the present requirement of water for agriculture and other purposes in the country, State-wise;

(c) the percentage of available water being utilised and wasted in each State; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to store and utilise the water?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) to (d) India receives an average precipitation of 4000 Billion Cubic Metre (BCM) which also includes snow-melt. Out of this, 3000 BCM occurs during monsoon. Availability of water is assessed river basin-wise. As per the assessment of Central Water Commission in 1993, the average annual flow in the year-systems of the country is assessed at 1869 BCM, out of which 1122 BCM is utilisable comprising of about 690 BCM as surface water and 432 BCM as replenishable ground water. Upto 1995, a live storage capacity of 177 BCM has been created by construction of large dams in the country. Besides, projects to add an additional storage capacity of about 75

BCM are under construction and Projects with contemplated live storage of 132 BCM are under planning. Basin-wise average annual flow and live storage capacity created under construction and under consideration are given in statement attached. In addition, water has also been diverted into canals by constructing a large number of barrages/weirs, etc. for utilisation of river water for various purposes. The utilisation through surface and ground water in 1997 has been reported as 605 BCM. Against this, the utilisation for irrigation is 501 BCM, domestic uses is 30 BCM, industries is 20 BCM, energy 20 BCM and other uses is 34 BCM.

Government of India has been extending financial assistance under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme since 1996-97 to State Governments to help them complete the ongoing irrigation projects at the earliest. Government of India is also promoting rain water harvesting through Watershed Management Programme, artificial recharge of ground water and roof-top rain water harvesting under the sector reform project of Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme under the Ministry of Rural Development, for which technical and financial assistance is provided to the State Governments and other implementing agencies. Central Ground Water board has also taken up pilot studies for artificial ground water recharge. Assistance is also extended to State Governments under Command Area Development Programme for bridging the gap between potential created and utilised. Besides Government of India has also formulated National Perspective Plan envisaging interlinking of rivers for transfer of water from surplus basins to water deficit basin/areas.

**Statement***Basin - wise Storage in India (in billion cubic metre)*

Sl.No.	Name of River Basin	Average Annual Flow	Live Storage Capacity			
			Completed Projects	Projects under construction	Total	Projects under construction
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Indus (Up to Border)	73.30	13.83	2.45	16.29	0.27
2	a) Ganga	525.02	36.84	17.12	53.96	29.56
	b) Brahmaputra & Barak	585.60	1.09	2.40	3.49	63.35
3	Godavari	110.54	19.51	10.65	30.16	8.28
4	Krishna	78.12	34.48	7.78	42.25	0.13
5	Cauvery	21.36	7.43	0.39	7.82	0.34

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
6	Pennar	6.32	0.38	2.13	2.51	
7	East Flowing rivers between Mahanadi to Godavari & Krishna to Pennar	22.52	1.63	1.45	3.08	0.86
8	East flowing rivers between Pennar & Kanyakumari	16.46	1.42	0.02	1.44	
9	Mahanadi	66.88	8.49	5.39	13.88	10.96
10	Brahamani & Baltarni	28.48	4.76	0.24	5.00	8.72
11	Subernarekha	12.37	0.66	1.65	2.31	1.59
12	Sabarmati	3.81	1.35	0.12	1.47	0.09
13	Mahi	11.02	4.75	0.36	5.11	0.02
14	West flowing rivers of Kutch, Saurashtra including Luni	16.10	4.31	0.58	4.89	3.15
15	Narmada	45.64	6.60	16.72	23.32	0.47
16	Tapi	14.88	8.53	1.01	9.54	1.99
17	West flowing rivers from Tapi to Tadri	87.41	7.10	2.66	9.76	0.84
18	West flowing rivers from Tadri to Kanyakumari	113.53	10.24	2.31	12.55	1.70
19	Area of inland drainage in Rajasthan	Neg.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
20	Minor river basins draining into Bangladesh & Myanmar	31.00	0.31	0.00	0.31	0.00
Total		1869.35	173.73	75.42	249.15	132.32

**Note :**

- 1 Projects having a live storage capacity of 10 million cubic metre and above only are included.
- 2 An additional live storage capacity of 3 billion cubic metre (approx.) is estimated to be created through Medium Projects each having a capacity of less than 10 million cubic metre thus making a total live storage capacity of 177 billion cubic metre in completed projects.
- 3 Totals may not tally due to rounding off.

[English]

#### Committee on Environmental and Health Care System

46. SHRIMATI SHYAMA SINGH :

SHRI ADHIR CHOWDHARY :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the committee constituted by the Government about a year ago to report on alarming picture of environmental pollution in India and health care system has submitted its report to the Government.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to implement the recommendations of the committee?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) and (b) A Committee on Environment and Health constituted by this Ministry has submitted its report covering various aspects of environmental pollution and related health issues. The recommendations made include the following :-

- Creation of an Environmental Health Cell in the Ministry.
- Environmental Epidemiological studies for the development of environmental health data base and information system.
- Creation of National Institute of Health Sciences with regional centres.
- Inter-Ministerial coordination.
- Training and Public awareness.
- Cooperation and collaboration with national and international institutions/agencies.

(c) An environmental health cell has been constituted in the Ministry for initiating the programmes and commissioning of environmental epidemiological studies.

#### Deficit in Indian Airlines

47. DR. RAM CHANDRA DOME : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Indian Airlines is expecting a deficit of Rs. 251 crores during the fiscal year 2001-2002;

(b) if so, the latest position thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken to cover up the deficit?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD

YADAV) : (a) The Budget Estimates of the Company projected a deficit of Rs. 251 crores for the year 2001-02. The budgeted deficit reflects impact of a steep rise in the prices of Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) and various other input costs such as Landing and Navigational Charges, Handling Charges, Security Expenditure, increase in Aircraft Insurance Premium, increase in foreign exchange rates etc. Further, the domestic price of ATF, a major cost, had gone up by about 50% during the year 2000-01. While the cost of operations had gone up substantially by an annual of over Rs. 300 crores, no fare increases had been assumed in preparing the Budget Estimates for the year 2001-02.

Had the above cost escalations not taken place, the Company would have projected a net profit for 2001-02.

(b) The latest position is as under :

(i) In the first two months of the current financial year i.e. April and May, 2001, the Company has made a net loss of Rs. 32.60 crores as against the budgeted net loss of Rs. 35.09 crores.

(ii) The Government has adopted the policy of flexible fares on its domestic network w.e.f. 25th May, 2001. The flexi-fare regime is expected to improve revenue earnings of the Company due to higher capacity utilisation and better yields. This coupled with various other measures taken by the Company is likely to have positive impact on the financial performance of the Company.

(iii) The Government has deregulated the domestic ATF price from 01.04.2001. In the anticipation of deregulation of ATF price, a saving in ATF cost has been assumed in the Budget. There was reduction in ATF price in April, 2001 and the savings were expected to be more than anticipated in the Budget. However, with the hardening of international price of ATF, the domestic price has also gone up from June, 2001 and thereafter. As a result, the additional savings in ATF cost due to deregulation over and above that assumed in the Budget may not materialise.

(c) The Company has taken various steps since August, 2000 to improve its financial and operating performance which have yielded the desired results in as much as there was substantial increase in the operating revenue as would be seen from the table below :

	2000-01		1999-00
	Budgeted	Achieved	Actual
		(Provisional)	(Rs. in crores)
Operating Revenue	3681.00	3758.50	3549.17

Some of the measures taken to improve the performance are :

(i) Strict Budgetary Utilisation were all the major items of expenditure are subject to cost benefit analysis, operational and commercial expediency, financial sanctions etc.

(ii) Better Fleet Utilisation; Improvement in the productivity of Pilots, Aircraft Engineers, Minimising the ground turn round time, Night flights on certain domestic sectors, Increased international operations, Better scheduling of aircraft and route planning, Capacity deployment in alignment with market requirements etc.

(iii) Improvement in the quality of product; Improvement in On-time performance, general improvement and upgradation of services to the users etc.

(iv) Marketing initiatives; Code sharing with the foreign airlines, High level of participation in Computerised Reservation System. Various promotional schemes including corporate incentives etc.

(v) Flexible Fares; Fixation of fares on seasonality competition, timing of flight and other demand and supply variables.

(vi) Cost control measures; Control of overtime, casual labour, hotel/travel expenditure, crew lay over expenditure, Freeze on recruitment unless absolutely necessary for operational reasons, Fuel monitoring and tankering,

control on aircraft maintenance, Reduction in publicity and sales promotional expenditure, Outsourcing of services to the extent feasible etc.

[Translation]

#### Employment Exchanges in Jharkhand

48. PROF. DUKHA BHAGAT : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) the number of employment exchanges functioning in Jharkhand as on date, district-wise;

(b) the profession-wise number of persons registered in each of these employment exchanges; and

(c) the number of persons belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes out of them, district-wise and employment exchange-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL) : (a) The number of Employment Exchanges functioning in the State of Jharkhand as on date is 33.

(b) and (c) Employment Exchange-wise educated job-seekers (Xth and above) and number of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes out of them are given in the statement attached.

#### Statement

*No. of Educated job-seekers on the Live Register of Employment Exchanges as on 31.12.2000.*

S.No.	Employment Exchanges	No. of educated (in thousands )					
		10th and 10+2 (Under graduate)	Graduate including post graduates	Diploma holders	Total (3+4+5)	Scheduled caste included In col.5	Scheduled Tribe included In col.5
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	Adityapur	4.9	1.8	0.8	7.5	2.6	3.3
2.	Bokaro Thermal	8.2	1.9	0.6	10.7	2.1	1.2
3.	Bokaro Steel City	101.8	19.9	4.2	125.9	18.7	6.8
4.	Chaibasa	24.4	4.2	0.2	28.8	1.7	10.9
5.	Chakradharpur	2.6	0.1	@	2.7	0.6	1
6.	Chandil	102.3	14.2	0.2	116.7	0.3	1.4
7.	Dalmiyanagar	55.3	13.7	0.7	69.7	5.2	0.1
8.	Daltonganj	26.8	5.9	0.1	32.8	5.2	2.3

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9.	Deogarh	8.2	2.1	@	10.3	0.6	0.7
10.	Dhanbad	12.2	2.3	1	15.5	3.6	1
11.	Dumka	18.7	2.9	0.3	21.9	1.1	2.8
12.	Gadawa	—	—	1.1	1.1	—	—
13.	Ghatshila	47.3	4	0.2	51.5	2.9	6.5
14.	Girdih	22.2	0.5	@	22.7	2.1	0.4
15.	Gumla	7.8	0.2	0.1	8.1	0.4	6.5
16.	Godda	14	1.3	1.4	16.7	1.8	2
17.	Hazaribagh	35.5	3.8	@	39.3	3.5	0.9
18.	Jamtara	2	0.3	1.4	3.7	0.3	0.3
19.	Jamshedpur	50.6	8.3	—	58.9	4	5.3
20.	Jahanabad	20.4	7.4	—	27.8	3.8	0.1
21.	Khunti	5.3	0.9	0.1	6.3	0.2	2.5
22.	Kiriburu	3	0.2	0.5	3.7	0.6	2.5
23.	Lalmatia	4.5	0.3	@	4.8	0.9	1
24.	Latehar	2.5	1.2	@	3.7	2.8	3.2
25.	Lohardaga	10.5	1.3	0.7	12.5	0.7	6.3
26.	Ramgarh	24.3	0.9	6.2	31.4	2.1	1.6
27.	Ranchi	155.8	28.6	@	184.4	14.3	49.9
28.	Pakur	6.2	0.6	—	6.8	0.2	2.1
29.	Sahibganj	16.8	2.4	@	19.2	1.5	2.3
30.	Simdanga	3	0.6	0.9	4.5	0	1.8
31.	Sindri	11.6	2.1	0.3	14	0.4	0.9
32.	Tenughat	27.5	2.6	—	30.1	5	3.1
33.	Torpa	3.4	0.4	—	3.8	0.1	2.4
Total		839.2	136.9	21.4	997.5	93.2	133.1

Note : Total may not tally due to rounding off

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*[English]***Conservation and Development of Lakes**

49. DR. RAJESWARAMMA VUKKALA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to states :

(a) whether there is any proposal to implement a pilot project for the proper development of major lakes in the country;

(b) If so, the details thereof indicating the funds earmarked for the job, lake-wise; and

(c) the steps taken for the proper conservation and development of each of the major lakes during 9th Plan, year-wise;

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) to (c) A scheme of National Lake Conservation (NLCP) for conservation of 10 urban lakes was formulated in 1997 at an estimated cost of Rs. 637 crore. The lake-wise break up is given as under :-

(Rs. in crore)			
1.	Dal	J&K	297.70
2.	Sukhna	Chandigarh	44.36
3.	Sagar	M.P.	4.41
4.	Nainital	U.P.	46.35
5.	Kodaikanal	Tamil Nadu	19.28
6.	Ooty	Tamil Nadu	26.63
7.	Udaipur	Rajasthan	148.95
8.	Rabindra Sarovar	West Bengal	2.13
9.	Powai	Maharashtra	31.01
10.	Hussain Sagar	Andhra Pradesh	15.34
Total			636.16
			or Rs. 637 crore

Government, while considering the proposal, directed the Ministry to seek external assistance for the schemes for Dal Lake which was approved, in principle. A detailed project report for Dal Lake Conservation Plan has been prepared at an estimated cost of Rs. 162.87 crore. Work on this lake is yet to begin. Proposals of 3 small lakes, namely, Powai in

Mumbai, Kodaikanal and Ooty in Tamil Nadu have been approved at a total cost of Rs. 14.90 crore in May, 2001. The lake-wise break up is : Powai-Rs. 6.62 crore, Kodaikanal-Rs. 6.33 crore, Ooty-Rs. 1.95 crore. A provision of Rs. 10 crore is available for NLCP in 2001-02 out of which an amount of Rs. 9 crore has been released for the above 3 lakes i.e. Powai Lake-Rs. 4 crore, Kodaikanal lake-Rs. 4 crore, Ooty lake-Rs. 1 crore.

**Formulation of National Highways Policy**

50. DR. V. SAROJA : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to formulate a National Highways Policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) SHRI B.C. KHANDURI) : (a) and (b) It is the policy of the Government of India to develop and maintain the roads declared as National Highways by taking up improvement works like widening to 2/4 lanes, strengthening, construction of bypasses, reconstruction of bridges/culverts etc. based on traffic needs and inter-se priority through financing by budgetary resources, Central Road Fund, external assistance and private sector participation.

(c) Does not arise.

**Irrigation Potential**

51. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the extent to which irrigation potential has been increased in the country specially in Maharashtra during the last five years; and

(b) the total allocation made to increase irrigation potential in the State during the said period State-wise, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY) : (a) The increase in creation of irrigation potential during 1995-96 to 1999-2000 is 8737.24 thousand hectare (Provisional) in the country as a whole and 981.80 thousand hectare (Provisional) in the State of Maharashtra.

(b) State-wise and year-wise details of total allocation made in the Major & Medium irrigation as well as Minor irrigation to increase potential during 1995-96 to 1999-2000 are given in the statement attached.

**Statement**

*Plan Funds provided during 1995-96 to 1999-2000 for Irrigation Development  
(M&M + MI)*

Sl. No.	States	Plan Outlay in Rs. Crore					
		1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	Total
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Andhra Pradesh	1122.19	774.64	827.79	938.81	1259.77	3028.37
2	Arunachal Pradesh	16.66	17.92	27.67	22.22	22.48	72.37
3	Assam	67	99.6	104.58	122.59	111.69	338.86
4	Bihar	495.16	412.77	432.14	551.00	744.00	1727.14
5	Goa	34.28	49.5	39.35	81.87	62.20	183.42
6	Gujarat	585.98	1222.03	1359.00	1402.43	1817.30	4578.73
7	Haryana	224.46	327.66	390.62	512.41	550.00	1453.03
8	Himachal Pradesh	28.76	34.62	45.09	59.66	71.68	176.43
9	J&K	41.99	44.42	69.18	123.23	114.13	306.54
10	Karnataka	842.28	1125.82	1108.59	1607.06	1765.71	4481.36
11	Kerala	147	175.05	194.65	194.00	205.72	594.37
12	Madhya Pradesh	428.74	440.56	481.56	646.68	644.60	1772.84
13	Maharashtra	915.79	1050.56	2646.17	2994.25	3827.62	9468.04
14	Manipur	45.73	38.42	57.00	65.50	78.00	200.50
15	Meghalaya	9.8	10.8	9.50	14.50	17.00	41.00
16	Mizoram	2.47	2.85	2.85	6.33	7.00	16.18
17	Nagaland	3.35	3.3	3.53	4.31	4.31	12.15
18	Orissa	292.09	438.58	657.00	695.77	635.74	1988.51
19	Punjab	98.64	110.22	111.53	95.16	166.17	372.86
20	Rajasthan	376.95	344.46	417.27	562.46	577.80	1557.53
21	Sikkim	2.31	2.56	2.56	2.14	20.00	24.70
22	Tamil Nadu	124.24	248.57	320.91	321.72	378.65	1021.28
23	Tripura	10.28	16.95	30.30	50.04	73.05	153.39

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
24	Uttar Pradesh	429.59	579.23	582.86	785.02	951.79	2319.67
25	West Bengal	121	189.33	231.65	208.65	222.83	663.13
Total - States		6467.44	7760.72	10153.35	12067.81	14329.24	36550.40
Total - UTs		9.19	10.01	8.76	13.42	16.16	38.34
Grand Total		6476.63	7770.73	10162.11	12081.23	14345.40	36588.74

[Translation]

### Flood Control

52. SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN SHARAN SINGH : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to take any remedial steps to control flood in Eastern Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the efforts being made to complete pending River-Valley Projects with Indo-Nepal cooperation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY):

(a) and (b) Flood Management is a State subject. The planning and execution of flood management works is primarily the responsibility of the States. These works are planned and implemented by the respective State Governments out of their own plan funds according to the priorities assigned by them to different works. The Centre renders assistance which are technical, catalytical and promotional in nature.

Ganga Flood Control Commission (GFCC) under the Ministry of Water Resources have however, prepared comprehensive plan of flood management for all the river causing floods in Ganga basin including rivers flowing through eastern Uttar Pradesh and forwarded the same to the State Governments for taking follow up action on the recommendation made in these plans. Both short-term and long-term measures have been suggested in these plans.

In 1996, the Government of India had set up Task Force for flood management in the Ganga Basin States. Thereafter, in the wake of unprecedented flood of 1998, the Government of India set up an Expert Group for suggesting effective flood measures for Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. The reports of the Task Force and Expert Group and their recommendations have been sent to the State Governments for their consideration and implementation.

With a view to provide financial assistance to the State to carry out river erosion works in critical reaches, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, viz., "Critical anti-erosion works in Ganga basin states and raising & strengthening of embankments along Kosi & Gandak rivers" has been formulated in IX Five Year Plan and is in operation. During the year 2000-2001, an amount of Rs. 4 crore has been released against this scheme as an advance to the State of Uttar Pradesh to take up the anti erosion works.

For dealing with problems of inundation in the vicinity of Indo Nepal border a Standing Committee on Inundation Problems between India and Nepal has also been constituted in the year 1986 to take care of flood problems near Indo-Nepal border between two countries. Chairman GFCC is the leader of the India team. 11 meetings of the Committee have been held so far, in which various issues relating to inundation problems near Indo-Nepal border have been discussed and decision taken thereon from time to time for needful action in the matter.

(c) The River Valley Projects with Indo Nepal Cooperation under active consideration are :

- (i) Pancheshwar Multipurpose Project on river Mahakali (Sarda in India)
- (ii) Saptakosi High Dam & Sunkosi Projects on river Kosi.
- (iii) Kamla Multipurpose Project on river Kamla.
- (iv) Bagmati Multipurpose Project on river Bagmati.

As regards Pancheshwar Multipurpose Project the preparation of Joint Detailed Project Report is in progress. For Saptakosi and Sunkosi Projects, the third meeting of Joint Team of Experts of India & Nepal was held in March, 2001 in New Delhi to discuss the Project Inception Report as well as the issue of opening the Joint Project Office to prepare the Joint Detailed Report. Regarding Bagmati and Kamla Multipurpose Projects, the Joint efforts of the Government of

India and Nepal to sort out the differences regarding some technical issues are under progress between the two Governments.

**[English]**

### Increase in Ceiling Amount of ESI

53. DR. MANDA JAGANNATH : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

- (a) the amount sanctioned by E.S.I. Corporation per insured person per year to the States;
- (b) whether requests have been received to increase the ceiling for better medical facilities to workers;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL) :** (a) The ESI Corporation is providing funds for medical care at the rate of Rs. 600 per IP family per annum for running the medical scheme. The expenditure is shared between ESIC and State Government in the agreed ratio of 7:1.

(b) to (d) The proposal received from State Government regarding enhancement of ceiling on medical care was considered by the ESIC and it has been decided to get a study done through a reputed professional institution so that a realistic ceiling for medical care could be fixed.

## Defence Aerodromes for Civil Aviation

54. SHRI VIJAY GOEL : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the Government propose to open Defence Aerodromes all over the country for Civil Aviation purposes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any kind of security risk is involved in it;
- (d) if not, whether it is proposed to construct a civil terminal complex at Pathankot Aerodrome;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the time by which an international terminal at Rajasansl Airport in Amritsar is likely to be made functional?

**THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) No, Sir.**

**(b) and (c) Do not arise.**

(d) and (e) Airports Authority of India is developing a new civil enclave at Pathankot (Defence) Airport for which the work has been awarded on 28.6.2001 and is likely to be completed by the end of June, 2003.

(f) The upgradation of Raja-Sansi Airport in Amritsar including construction of new international terminal is likely to be completed by November, 2003.

**[Translation]**

## Water Management

55. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI :

**SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN :**

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the Government propose to include water management in the infrastructure facilities; and
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY):**

**(a) and (b) The National Water Policy (1987) recognizes water as one of the most crucial elements in development planning. It provides for allocation of water for infrastructural needs like Drinking water, Irrigation, Hydropower, Navigation and Industrial and other uses in that priority in planning and operation of water resources schemes. It also provides for planning and management of country's water resources on a sustainable basis. The policy recognizes drainage basin as the basic unit of planning for development of water resources and calls for appropriate measures to optimize utilization of this resources.**

### Telephone Connections in Post Offices in Madhya Pradesh

56. SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

- (a) whether telephone connections have been provided in all post offices in Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise;
- (c) if not, the number of post offices which are deprived of the said facility; and

(d) the time by which this facility would be made available in the remaining post offices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) District wise details of 667 post offices which have been provided with Telephone connections are furnished in the statement attached.

(c) 429 departmental post offices in the State of Madhya Pradesh are still to be provided with telephone connections.

(d) The connections are provided by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. subject to the availability of resources.

#### Statement

*District wise information regarding departmental post offices with service telephone connection in Madhya Pradesh*

S.No.	Name of District	Total No. of Deptl. POs	Total No. of POs provided with service telephone connection
1	2	3	4
1.	Balaghat	25	06
2.	Barwani	08	07
3.	Betul	23	20
4.	Bhind	24	22
5.	Bhopal	64	14
6.	Chhattarpur	24	11
7.	Chhindwara	29	12
8.	Damoh	19	13
9.	Datia	08	08
10.	Dewas	17	14
11.	Dhar	17	10
12.	Dindori	10	02
13.	Guna	24	24
14.	Gwalior	47	33
15.	Harda	06	06
16.	Hoshangabad	25	23
17.	Indore	63	28
18.	Jabalpur	69	57
19.	Jhabua	18	02

1	2	3	4
20.	Khandwa	33	18
21.	Khargone	23	06
22.	Katni	21	14
23.	Mandla	11	05
24.	Mandsaur	26	24
25.	Morena	17	17
26.	Narsinghpur	19	17
27.	Neemuch	19	18
28.	Panna	14	07
29.	Raisen	16	14
30.	Rajgarh (Biao)	18	10
31.	Ratlam	28	01
32.	Rewa	38	03
33.	Sagar	44	35
34.	Satna	27	03
35.	Sehore	23	22
36.	Seoni	19	—
37.	Shajapur	23	22
38.	Shahdol	27	24
39.	Sheopurkalan	05	05
40.	Sidhi	19	12
41.	Shivpuri	21	14
42.	Tikamgarh	20	08
43.	Ujjain	39	33
44.	Umaria	07	06
45.	Vidisha	19	17
Total		1096	667

[English]

#### Ban on Mining of Asbestos

57. SHRI SUBODH MOHITE : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are considering to ban all activities associated with asbestos including its mining manufacturing use and trade on account of the health hazards in pose;

- (b) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government have received a request for ban on asbestos from environmentalists and doctors;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, mining, manufacture of asbestos and asbestos-based products is regulated as per the provisions and procedures of EIA Notification, 1994. Crocidolite (Blue Asbestos) has been put in the restricted list of imports by Ministry of Commerce, Directorate General of Foreign Trade in October, 1994. Further, import of waste asbestos (dust and fibre) has been prohibited by Gazette Notification dated 13.10.1998.

(c) to (e) As per the reports available, no such request from environmentalists and doctors have been received.

#### Additional Funds for Gujarat

58. SHRI G.J. JAVIYA : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the Government of Gujarat has sought additional funds for maintenance and repairs of National Highways;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the estimated funds for maintenance and repairs of National Highways made available for proper upkeep; and
- (d) if so, the details of progress made in new construction and repairs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) SHRI B.C. KHANDURI) : (a) No, Sir.

- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) An amount of Rs. 25.77 crore has been earmarked for allocation under maintenance & repairs of National Highways for the State of Gujarat during 2001-2002.
- (d) An amount of Rs. 85.00 crore has been allocated for the development of National Highways in Gujarat. The expenditure incurred is Rs. 7.92 crore and Rs. 1.07 crore for development & maintenance respectively in the State of Gujarat upto June, 2001.

[Translation]

#### Cellular Telephone

- 59. SHRI CHANDRESH PATEL :
- SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

- (a) the number of cellular/mobile telephone subscribers in Jamnagar district of Gujarat and Sivaganga and Ramnad districts of Tamil Nadu at present, separately;
- (b) the names of the places where cellular telephone companies are operating with this facility, company-wise;
- (c) whether the Government propose to provide cellular telephone facility based on Wireless Local in Loop (WLL) in the coastal areas of Sivaganga and Ramnad districts;
- (d) If so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the names of cellular telephone company proposed to be provided with cellular telephone facility in each State during 2001-2002, location-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) The licences for Cellular Mobile Telephone Service have been granted for Metro City Service Areas and Telecom Circle Service Areas. The Cellular mobile telephone subscribers belong to a complete service areas and not a particular district in the service area even though they might have been registered in a particular district. The number of cellular mobile telephone subscribers as on 30th June, 2001, as reported by Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI) in Gujarat Telecom Circle Service Area is 2,88,083 and Tamil Nadu Telecom Circle Service Area is 2,43,269, which includes the said districts also.

(b) The list of places, where Private Cellular Telephone Service Companies are operating with this facility company-wise, as furnished by COAI, is enclosed in the statement attached. Apart from this the Service is operational in Delhi and Mumbai by Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) and in Patna, Hazipur, Barh, Arah, Bihar Sharif and Rajgir cities of Bihar by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL).

(c) and (d) No, Sir. There is no plan to provide Cellular Mobile Telephone Service based on Wireless in Local Loop by the Government or BSNL in Coastal Areas of Sivaganga and Ramnad Districts.

(e) As per Licence Agreement granted to the private cellular operators, atleast 10% of the District Headquarters will be covered in the first year and 50% of the District Headquarters will be covered within three years of effective date of Licence. The licencees have also been permitted to cover any other town in a District in lieu of the District Headquarters. The choice of District Headquarters/town to be covered and further expansion beyond 50% District Headquarters/towns lies with the Licencee companies depending on their business decision. The Government does not keep a record of the expansion plan of cellular companies.

## Statement

## Cellular Coverage in Cities/Towns of India

(Position as of April, 2001)

S.No.	Circle	Operator	Name of DHQ's Covered	City covered in Lieu of DHQ (Name of the DHQ)	Other cities/towns covered
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Bharti Mobile Ltd.	Hyderabad, Visakhapatnam, Eluru, Kakinada, Machilipatnam, Khammam, Guntur, Nellore, Chittoor, Nizamabad, Warangal, Ongole, Anantpur, Kurnool, Cuddapah, Karimnagar, Nalgonda.	Vijayawada, Tirupathi, Tirumala, Uppal, Renigunta, Kattandam, Hayathnagar, Pattancheru, Rangareddy, Gannavaram, Kankipadu, Adavinekkala, Tenali, Budampadu, Vajenda, Punuru, Chebrolu, Dagadharthi, Kovur, Kodur, Mypadu, Matnukur, Buchireddy, Palem, Chandragiri, Vadamalapeta, Gajula, Mandyam, Gajuwaka, Aganaampudi, Rajamundry, Bhimavaram, Amalapuram, Kakinada, Anakapalli, Narsapur, Tadepalligudem, Palakollu, Tanuku, Narsaraopeta, Guivada, Puttaparthi, Suryapet, Aliveedu, Undi, Rudraram, Timapur, Samalkot, Mandapet, Hanamkonda, Cherukuvada, Seetharamapuram, Medapadu, Baggeswaram, Lankalakoderu, Medchal, Lingampally, Kukat Pally, Kapra, Bahadurpura, Ramachandrapuram, (BHEL), Kzhupalli, Bachupalli, Polapalli, Dagguturu, Ullamparu, Jinnuru, Ballipadu, Raipeta, Koppam, Chintapam, Napadu, I. Bhimavaram, Kolleru, Kolesitola, Cherukumilli, Elurupadu, Dichipalli, Kazipet, Kotipalli, Dwarapaudi, Anaparty, Tapeswaram, Adida, Kapleswaram.	Vijayawada, Tirupathi, Tirumala, Uppal, Renigunta, Kattandam, Hayathnagar, Pattancheru, Rangareddy, Gannavaram, Kankipadu, Adavinekkala, Tenali, Budampadu, Vajenda, Punuru, Chebrolu, Dagadharthi, Kovur, Kodur, Mypadu, Matnukur, Buchireddy, Palem, Chandragiri, Vadamalapeta, Gajula, Mandyam, Gajuwaka, Aganaampudi, Rajamundry, Bhimavaram, Amalapuram, Kakinada, Anakapalli, Narsapur, Tadepalligudem, Palakollu, Tanuku, Narsaraopeta, Guivada, Puttaparthi, Suryapet, Aliveedu, Undi, Rudraram, Timapur, Samalkot, Mandapet, Hanamkonda, Cherukuvada, Seetharamapuram, Medapadu, Baggeswaram, Lankalakoderu, Medchal, Lingampally, Kukat Pally, Kapra, Bahadurpura, Ramachandrapuram, (BHEL), Kzhupalli, Bachupalli, Polapalli, Dagguturu, Ullamparu, Jinnuru, Ballipadu, Raipeta, Koppam, Chintapam, Napadu, I. Bhimavaram, Kolleru, Kolesitola, Cherukumilli, Elurupadu, Dichipalli, Kazipet, Kotipalli, Dwarapaudi, Anaparty, Tapeswaram, Adida, Kapleswaram.
		Tata Cellular Ltd.	Hyderabad, Vijayawada, Machilipatnam, Guntur, Visakhapatnam, Kakinada, Eluru, Sangareddy, Nellore, Chittoor, Nalgonda, Vizianagaram, Nizamabad, Warangal, Cuddapah, Kurnool, Anantpur, Ongole, Khammam, Karimnagar, Mahaboobnagar, Adilabad, Srikakulam	Lingampally, Kukatpally, Uppal, Vanasthalipuram, Shamsabad, Medchal, Jeedimetla, Kapra, Hayathnagar, Gannavaram, Hanuman Junction, Tolaprolu, Ibrahimpatnam, Guivada, Mangalagiri, Tenali, Narsaraopet, Chikkalurpeta, Bapla, Rajahmundry, Anakapalli, Gajuwaka, Yellamanchilli, Payakarapet, Rajanagar, Ravulapalem, Jaggaipeta, Annaram, Tuni, Prathipadu, Palakollu, Samalkote, Peddapuram, Bhimadlu, Chebrolu, Tadepalligudem, Tanuku, Kovuru, Vaituru, Bhimavaram, Undi, Palakollu, Narsapur, Patancheru, Bolaram, Kovur, Tirupathi, Chandragiri, Tirumala, Suryapet, Nalgonda, Miryalaguda, Chotuppal, Chityal, Nellimarla, Dichpalli, Hanumakonda, Kazipet, Proddutur, Nandyal, Adoni, Guntakal, Prasanthirailayam, Hindupur, Tadpatri, Maddipadu, Wyrta, Patvancha.	Lingampally, Kukatpally, Uppal, Vanasthalipuram, Shamsabad, Medchal, Jeedimetla, Kapra, Hayathnagar, Gannavaram, Hanuman Junction, Tolaprolu, Ibrahimpatnam, Guivada, Mangalagiri, Tenali, Narsaraopet, Chikkalurpeta, Bapla, Rajahmundry, Anakapalli, Gajuwaka, Yellamanchilli, Payakarapet, Rajanagar, Ravulapalem, Jaggaipeta, Annaram, Tuni, Prathipadu, Palakollu, Samalkote, Peddapuram, Bhimadlu, Chebrolu, Tadepalligudem, Tanuku, Kovuru, Vaituru, Bhimavaram, Undi, Palakollu, Narsapur, Patancheru, Bolaram, Kovur, Tirupathi, Chandragiri, Tirumala, Suryapet, Nalgonda, Miryalaguda, Chotuppal, Chityal, Nellimarla, Dichpalli, Hanumakonda, Kazipet, Proddutur, Nandyal, Adoni, Guntakal, Prasanthirailayam, Hindupur, Tadpatri, Maddipadu, Wyrta, Patvancha.

1	2	3	4	5	6
2.	Assam	Reliance Telecom Ltd.	Guwahati		
3.	Bihar	Reliance Telecom Ltd.	Patna, Hajipur, Muzaffarpur, Gaya, Bhagalpur, Biharsharif, Darbhanga, Madhubani, Begusarai, Siwan, Chhapra, Samastipur, Bethia, Ranchi, Jamshedpur, Dhanbad, Hazaribagh, Bokaro, Motihari, Katihar, Purnia, Saharsa.		Danpur, Jharia, Chas, Raxaul
4.	Calcutta	Spice Limited			Fully covered (Metro)
		Usha Martin Telecom Ltd.			-do-
5.	Chennai	RPG Cellular			Fully covered (Metro). Maraimalai Nagar Export Promotion Zone, Minzur, Mahabalipuram.
		Sky Cell			Fully Covered (Metro)
6.	Delhi	Bharti Cellular Sterling Cellular Ltd.			Fully covered (Metro), Ghaziabad, Faridabad, Noida and Gurgaon. Fully covered (Metro), Ghaziabad, Faridabad, Noida and Gurgaon
7.	Gujarat	Birla AT&T Comm. Ltd	Ahmedabad, Gandhinagar, Kheda, Anand, Vadodara, Bharuch, Surat, Valsad, Rajkot, Mehsana, Jamnagar, Bhavnagar, Dahod, Godra, Patan, Himmatnagar, Amreli, Surendranagar, Navsari, Silvassa, Portbandar, Palanpur, Junagarh		Baraja, Por, Karjan, Kim, Udhna, Pipodara, Gandevi, Chitli, Pardi, Udwada, Dunga, Nadiad, Ankleshwar, Vapi, Umbergaon, Hazira, Gandhidham, Bardoli, Khatodhara, Bilimora, Kadi, Visnagar, Morbi, Motilawadi, Vasai, Aahing, Khodiar, Adalaj, Kudasar, Joba, Shertha, Sola, Gota, Chitloda, Sareki, Khodiar, Aslali, Jeteipur, Utharsanda, Borjavi, Matar, Vidyannagar, Vadatal, Kamsad, Bhyali, Jasipur, Fertilizer nagar, Kashipura, Palej, Anand, Diva, Jaghida, Kabinwad, Pandli, Kosamba, Mangarol, Sayan, Kamrej, Kator, Amroli, Utharan, Dumas, Saonpalsana, Alul, Dadra, Dabhel, Linch, Dhinoj, Panchot, Kherva, Magroda, Kalol, Unjha, Deesa, Daman, Halol



1	2	3	4	5	6
		Fascel Ltd.	Gandhinagar, Ahmedabad, Nadiad, Anand, Vadodara, Bharuch, Surat, Rajpipla, Valsad, Navsari, Godhra, Dahod, Himmatnagar, Palanpur, Patan, Mehsana, Surendranagar, Rajkot, Jamnagar, Bhuj, Porbandar, Junagadh, Amreli, Bhavnagar		Kheda, Sachin, Bilimora, Pardi, Vapi, V.V. nagar, Chhatraj, Kalol, Sanand, Padra, Vaghodiya, Borsad, Ankleshwar, Kim, Palsana, Gandevi, Chikhali, Darnan, Silvassa, Gandhidham, Karjan, Shapur, Kandi, Unja, Bardoli, Changodar, Morbi, Vatva, Kadodra, Kamrej, Hazira, Adipur, Visnagar, Alang, Palej, Adalaj, Bhilad, Umbergaon, Halol, Astali, Virpur, Jetpur, Deesa, Bavia, Bagodhara, Sayla, Limbdi, Chotila, Ghachau, Rapar, Mahudi, Vijapur, Sihore, Wankaner, Dharampur, Vyara, Mohmdabad, Bopal, Veraval, Mamasa.
8.	Haryana	Aircel Digilink Ltd.	Sonepat, Panipat, Karnal, Ambala, Rohtak	Pipli (Kurukshetra)	Samalakhya, Gharaunda, Rai
		Escotel Mobile Communications Ltd.	Ambala, Hissar, Karnal, Sonepat, Panipat, Kurukshetra, Rohtak, Yamunanagar, Rewari, Jind, Kaithal, Bhiwani, Jhajjar		Shahbad, Kalka, Jagadhari, Dabwali, Hansi, Bhadurgarh, Kundli, Samalkha, Narnaul, Ladwa, Daruhara, Palwal, Moham, Sampla, Ismailabad, Pinjore, Rania, Tejakhara, Sewani, Pooja Vihar, Manesar.
9.	Himachal Pradesh	Bharti Telenet Ltd.	Shimla, Solan, Kullu, Mandi, Bilaspur, Dharamshala		Parwanoo, Baddi, Barotiwala, Barog, Dhali, Fagu, Theog, Bhunter, Naldera, Kufri, Kasauli, Chail, Kandaghat, Bhunter, Manali, Solang, Nala, Sundernagar, Ner Chowk, Barnana, Slapper, Kangra, Palampur, Gaggal, McLeodganj, Maranda, Tanda, Nagrota, Yole Cantt., Chamunda, Mataur, Dari, Kanned.
		Reliance Telecom Ltd.	Shimla, Solan, Mandi, Kullu.		Parwanoo, Sundernagar, Manali, Palampur, Dharamshala
10.	Karnataka	Spice Commn. Ltd.	Bangalore, Tumkur, Mangalore, Hubli, Darwad, Belgaum, Hassan, Chikmagalur, Shimoga, Mysore, Mandya, Bellary, Chitradurga, Gulbarga, Madikeri, Raichur	Davangere in lieu of Chitardurga	Gadag, Renebennur, Sagar, Harihar, Udupi, Manipal, Bhatkal, Tiptur, Bhadravathi, Hoskote, Bidadi, Nelamangala, Sakleshpur, Kundapur, Gonikoppal, Nanjangud, Hospet, Chennapattana, Doddballipur, Kanakapura, Ramangaram, Yalahanka, Sriangapatnam, Bantwal, Chiklamur, Karwar, Kolar, Sakleshpur, Dabaspet, Maddur, Puttur, Gokak, Bidar.
		Bharti Mobile	Bangalore, Mysore, Mangalore, Udupi, Manipal, Hubli, Dharwar, Davangere, Belgaum, Kolar, Gulbarga, Shimoga, Mandya, Tumkur, Hoskote, Doddaballapur, Kanakapura, Jigani, Ramnagar,		Attibele, Chandrapura, Nelamangala, Nanjangud, Srirangapatna, Ullai, Panamburu, Kankanadi, Baikampady, Kolor, Kavar, Kottar, Urva, Surathkal, Dakshin Kannad, Hoskote, Doddballipur, Kanakapura, Jigani, Ramnagar, Channapattana, Anekal, Avalahalli, Bagallur, Bannareghatta, Bidadi, Bonmasandra, Brooke fields, Electronic City,

1	2	3	4	5	6
			Channapathra, Nanjangudlu, Sirangapathra, Bantwal, Mulki, Ullal, Surathkal, Dhanwar, Harihad, Chikkaballapur.		Hebbagodi, ITPL, Jadigenahalli, Kaggalipura, Kengeri, Kodihalli, Kumbalgodu, Talaghattapura, White field, Yelahanika, Allahalli, Balamuri, Bannur, Belwadi, Chamundhills, Chirakurfi, Hinkal, Kodakala, Kadukote, KRS road, Mahadevapura, Naganahalli; Pandavapura, Siddalingapura, Varuna, Talapadi, Thokkattu, Karnad, Kinnigoli, Pakshikiri, MRPL, Padupanamur, Padambur, Hosbattu, Padumangalore, Bajape, Padil, Adyar, Kankanadi, Bandar, BC road, Malpe, Kalyanpur, Kapu, Kadupadi
					Ajargadu, Uchilla, Kurjibettu, Indrali, Ganur, Chabbi, Hadargunchi, Tharachal, Pala, Chodali, Byradevarakoppa, Satur, Nalur, Amargol, Rajapur, Sutagati, Narendar, Mumgati, Bellur, Urkal, Halebathi, Hosabathi, Malebenur, Shriomagondanahalli, Hadadi, Karur, Avaragere, Rajanahalli, Tholahunse, Harumanthnagar, Vadagaun, Honga Indl. area, Votvo, Tekal, Jun., Ganigapura, Shahbad, Samra Airport, Hindalga Indl. area, Kakti Indl. area, Machee Indl. area, Betani, Kodikunur, Kumbarahalli, Near Devarajus Medical College, Doddahassala Village.
11.	Kerala	BPL Cellular Limited.	Allepy, Calicut, Kannur, Cochin, Kottayam, Malappuram, Palakkad, Kollam, Trichur, Trivandrum.		Aror, Chavakkad, Chortala, Chengannur, Changannassery, Guruvayoor, Karunagapalli, Kodungalore, Kunnankulam, Manjeri, Muvattupuzha, Palai, Thalassery, Thiruvalla, Varkala, Aluva, Feroke, Mavelikara, Chakkudi, Irinjalkuda, Perumbavoor, Angamali, Kalamassery, Tripunithura, Kozhikode, Kondotti, Valapattanam, Thodupuzha, Kanjikkode, Pattambi, Kakkanad, Eloor, Ambalamugai, Kothamangalam, Vazhakulam, Parur, Kalady, Vaikom, Vengara, Mahe, Ramanattukkara, Badagara, Oulandy, Thaliparampa, Tripayar, Technopark, Pallimukku, Kottiyam, Kayamkulam, Erattupetta, Ambalapuzha, Kottakal.
	Escotel Mobile Comm.		Emakulam, Trichur, Alappay, Trivandrum, Kottayam, Pathanamthitta, Kollam, Calicut, Kannur, Malappuram, Palakkad, Kasargode.		Aluva, Thirupithura, Muvattupuzha, Perumbvooor, Angamaly, Kalamassery, N. Paravoor, Thodupuzha, Kakkanad, Aror, Kothamangalam, Kalady, Munnambum, Varappuzha, Kolenchery, Kunnankulam, Chavakkad, Chalakudy, Kanjikkode, Thirprayar, Kodungaloor, Irinjalkuda, Guruvayoor, Ollur, Chengannur, Cherthala, Kayamkulam, Haripad, Mavelikkara, Adoor, Ambalapuzha, Kazhakkuttam, Attingal, Neyyattinkara, Balaramapuram, Changanassery, Thiruvalla, Ettumanoor, Kalarvooor, Chingavanam, Kozhanchery, Mannar, Pallimukku, Sakthikulangara, Karunagapally, Kalluvadukal,

1	2	3	4	5	6
					Kottarakara, Feroke, Badagara, Qualilandy, Ramanattukara Thaliparambu, Thalassery, Valapattanam, Mahe, Kanchangad, Bekal, Marjeri, Kondotty Edappal, Tirur, Kottakkal, Perithalmanna, Mangom, Chelambra, Ponani, Tharur, Kuttipuram, Vengara.
12.	Madhya Pradesh	Reliance Telecom Ltd.	Indore, Dewas, Ujjain, Ratlam, Bhopal, Sehore, Gwalior, Jabalpur, Morena, Mandsaur, Satna, Rewa, Khandwa, Vidisha, Shivpuri, Debra, Raipur, Durg, Rajnandgaon, Bilaspur, Sagar, Khargaoon, Raigarh.	Mandideep (Raisen), Pithampur (Dhar)	Sonkach, Jaora, Neemuch, Kalni, Bhuranpur, Bhilai
		RPG Cellcom Ltd.	Indore, Bhopal, Dewas, Sehore, Ujjain, Mandideep, Pithampur, Gwalior, Jabalpur, Raipur, Durg, Bhind.		Malanpur
13.	Maharashtra	Birla AT&T Communications Ltd.	Pune, Ahmednagar, Nasik, Satara, Kohlapur, Aurangabad, Alibaug, Sangli, Jalna, Amravati, Akola, Wardha, Jalgaon, Nagpur, Panjim, Margao, Solapur, Latur, Ratnagiri, Chandrapur, Nanded.		Bhiwandi, Uthasnagar, Karad, Ichakranji, Lonavala, Pimpri, Chinchwad, Mapusa, Ponda, Miraj, Vasai, Baramati, Chiplun, Mahabaleshwar, Tarapur, Chakan, Talegaon, Pen, Khopoli, Khandala, Shirur, Supe, Nevasa, Narasapur, Shirval, Islampur, Jaisingpur, Rajgurunagar, Manchar, Sinner Sachapur Ranjangaon, Chikalthana, Dapodi, Deolai, Igatpuri Koregaon, Shikarpur, Khondhpuri, Ghoti, Hatkalangda, Tivim, Porvorim, Betim, Raibandar, Old Goa, Banastarin, Kundaim, Goa Velha, Agacaim, Cortalim, Verna, Nuven, Majorda, Navelim, Varca, Cavetossim, Mobur, Betul, Chapora Fort, Vagator Beach, Anjuna Beach, Baga Beach, Calangute, Candolim, Aguada Fort, Miramar Beach, Cabo, Dona Paula, Mormugao, Vasco, Dabolim, Bogmalo Beach, Colva, Benaulim, Shirdi, Pimpalgaon, Virar, Sawantwadi, Phaltan, Kalmeshwar, Karni.
		BPL Cellular Limited	Pune, Nagpur, Nashik, Kothapur, Satara, Sangli, Ahmednagar, Alibag, Aurangabad, Jalgaon, Jalna, Amravati, Akola, Latur, Nanded, Parbhani, Solapur, Ratnagiri,	Gondia	Chalkaranji, Miraj, Malegaon, Bhushwal, Karad, Margaon, Lonavala, Baramati, Pimpri, Chichwad, Talegaon, Kamshet, Khandala, Parvel, Khopoli, Ranjangaon, Chakan, Pen, Shirdi, Mumbai-Pune Hwy, Ambad, Satpur, Sinner, Pimpalgaon, Ozar, Vasai, Virar, Goa, Tarapur, Palghar, Vangaon, Sholapur, Shirdi, Gokul, Shirgaon, Hingna, Butibori, Kamptee, Kalmeshwar, Mapusa, Cadolin, Verna, Varca, Mobor, Fort Aguada,

1	2	3	4	5	6
			Chandrapur, Dhule, Panjim, Vasco.		Calangute, Dabolim, Bambolim, Kundaim, Old Goa, Falorda, Madkai, Ponda, Porvorn, Singertim, Margaon-Panjim Hwy. Kundia, Caranzalen, Cortalim, Dona Paula.
14.	Mumbai	BPL Mobile Comms. Ltd.			Fully covered (Metro), Navi Mumbai, Kalyan.
		Hutchison Max Telecom Ltd.			Fully covered (Metro), Navi Mumbai, Kalyan.
15.	North East	Hexacom India Ltd.			Nil
	Reliance Telecom Ltd.	Shillong		Shillong	
16.	Orissa	Reliance Telecom Ltd.	Cuttack, Puri, Berhampur, Sambalpur, Rourkela, Khurda.		Bhubneshwar
17.	Punjab	Spice Comms. Ltd.	Chandigarh, Ludhiana, Jalandhar, Amritsar, Patiala, Ropar, Bathinda, Faridkot, Ferozepur, Sangrur, Fatehgarh Sahib, Hoshiarpur, Kapurthala.	Pathankot in lieu of Gurdaspur	Khanna, Jagraon, Moga, Navanshahar, Muktsar, Mohali, Panchkula, Mandi Gobindgarh, Raipura, Goraya, Phagwara, Beas, Batala, Kotkapura, Nabha, Barnala, Rampura Phul, Malout, Albohar, Dhuri, Malerkotla, Banga, Mahalpur, Derabassi, Zira, Dhanau, Phaila, Kharar, Kartarpur, Bahadurgarh, Sharnu, Banur, Raya, Dhilwan, Sahnewal, Salikpur, Abul Kharana, Goriara, Mandi, Verka, Rupnagar, Pathankot, Nekodar, Noonmahai, Sirhind, Samrala, Morinda, Taranagar, Dinanagar, Gurdaspur, Raikot, Ahmedgarh, Dera, Haryana, Quila Raipur, Nabha.
18.	Rajasthan	Aircel Digilink Ltd.	Jalpur, Jodhpur, Ajmer, Udaipur	Kishengarh (Ajmer)	Kishengarh, Beawer, Makrana, Ramgarhmandi.
		Hexacom India Ltd.	Jalpur, Jodhpur, Udaipur, Ajmer, Nagaur, Kota, Bikaner, Sriganganagar.		
19.	Tamil Nadu	BPL Cellular Limited	Coimbatore, Salem, Erode, Karur, Ooty, Namakkal, Villupuram, Cuddalore.		Bhavani, Gobichettipalayam, Mettupalayam, Pollachi, Rajapalayam, Sivakasi, Tirupur, Udumalpet, Avinashi, Coonoor, Tiruchuvanni, Ranipet, Arsikere, Virajpet, Madurai.

1	2	3	4	5	6
			Pondicherry, Vellore, Madurai, Dindigul, Hosur, Kancheepuram, Vrudhnagar, Tuticorin, Tirunelveli, Tiruchirappalli, Thanjavur.		Perundurai, Sankagiri, Rasipuram, Annur, Metur, Kovilpatti, Thuvakudi, Aravankadu, karamadi, Narasimhanaikenpalayam, Palladam, Periyanaikenpalayam, Sulur, Somanur, Thudalur, Udumalpet, Weilington, Madathukulam, Srirangam, Kumbakonam, Mayiladuthurai, Komarapalayam, Pallipalayam, Chennimalai, Paramathiyvelur, Thiruchengode, Chidambaram, Sivakashi, Trichy.
		AIRCEL Limited	Coimbatore, Salem, Erode, Namakkal, Madurai, Trichy, Thanjavur, Dindigul, Thenni, Tuticorin, Pudukottai, Ramanathapuram, Kanchipuram, Pondy, Virudhunagar, Tirunelveli, Sivagangai, Karur, Nagapattinam, Villupuram, Cuddalore, Vellore, Dharampuri, Thiruvannamalai.	Ootym, (Nilgiris) Nagercoil (Kanyakumari)	Thudiyalur, Tiruppur, Periyanaikenpalayam, Karamadai, Mettupalayam, Annur, Avinashi, Sulur, Palladam, Pollachi, Udumalpet, Coonoor, Kothagiri, Pallipalayam, Bhavani, Kumarapalayam, Sankagiri, Perundurai, Tiruchengode, Palani, Srirangam, Manachanallur, Thiruvannamalai, Kullithalai, Kumbakonam, Mayuram, Gobichettipalayam, Chengalpattu, Hosur, Attur, Muttayapuram, Mettur, Sivakasi, Arupukottai, Sivilliputhur, Sattur, Rajapalayam, Palayamkottai, Ambasamudram, Manapparai, Thirupattur, Karaikudi, Karaikal, Tiruvannam, Madurantagam, Thirukkottai, Ranipet, Katpadi, Sattuvacheri, Chidambaram, Velayuthampalayam, Walajpet, Nagore, Ambakurathur, Suramangalam, Jarikondalapatti, Thirunagar, Vilangudi, Kovilpatti, Krishnagiri, Ambur, Gudiyatham, Vaniyambadi, Thuvakudi, Vallam, Keeranur, Valankanni, TR Pattinam, Thirubuvanam, Thiruvaimaruthur, Suchindram, KalidaiKurichi.
20.	UP (E)	Aircel Digilink Ltd.	Lucknow, Kanpur, Allahabad, Varanasi, Mau, Azamgarh, Unnao.	Bhadoi (Jaunpur)	Nawabganj, Shuklaganj, Mughul Sarai, Jagdishpur
		Koshika Telecom Ltd.	Lucknow, Varanasi, Bhadoi, Faizabad, Mirzapur, Jaunpur, Pratapgarh, Sultanpur, Kanpur, Allahabad, Unnao, Barabanki, Gorakhpur.		
21.	UP (W)	Escotel Mobile Comms. Ltd.	Merrut, Aligarh, Muzaffarnagar, Shahranpur, Dehradun, Nainital, Bulandshahr, Agra, Bareilly, Rampur, Ferozabad, Haridwar, Mathura, Moradabad, Bijnor, Pilibhit, Badaun, Amroha		Baraut, Hathras, Shamli, Khatauli, Deoband, Mussoorie, Rishikesh, Narender Nagar, Haldwani, Rudrapur, Baijpur, Kashipur, Kichha, Lalkuan, Gadarpur, Ramnagar, Khurja, Sikandrabad, Dhanora, Bilaspur, Purkajhi, Hapur, Modinagar, Pilibhit, Loni, Lakser, Roorkee, Vrindavan, Kosi, Mathura Refinery, Chaudausi, Sambhal, Gajrola, Bhadoi, Hasanpur.
22.	West Bengal	Reliance Telecom Ltd.	Darjeeling, Jalpaiguri, Gangtok.	Durgapur (Burdwan), Haldia (Medinipur), Bolpur (Birbhum)	Siliguri, Kurseong, Asansol, Raniganj, Barakar

[English]

### **Ethical Yardstick for Sports Persons**

60. SHRI J.S. BRAR : Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the Government have been following any uniform ethical yardstick for sports persons representing this country in international sports events/meets;
- (b) if so, the details of the ethical yardsticks;
- (c) if not, the yardsticks/codes being followed at present;
- (d) whether the Government propose to review the existing yardsticks to make them uniform; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PON RADHA-KRISHNAN) : (a) to (e) The Government has not formulated any separate ethical yardsticks for sports persons representing the country in international sports events/meets. The sports persons are guided by the yardsticks or instructions formulated by the concerned National Sports Federation, Indian Olympic Association, International Sports Federations and International Olympic Committee.

### **Women Beedi Workers**

61. SHRI ANNASAHAB M.K. PATIL : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the Government have reviewed the outcome of ILO's pilot project implemented in the various States to solve the problems of women beedi workers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the beedi industry is on the verge of extinction;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the measures taken by the Government to improve the working condition and employment opportunities for women workers in beedi industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL) : (a) and (b) ILO's pilot project is yet to be launched.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The Beedi & Cigar Workers (Conditions of Employment) Act, 1966 is being implemented by State Governments for a long time to provide for the welfare of workers including women in beedi and cigar establishments and to regulate the conditions of their work.

### **Ban on poaching of Whale Sharks**

62. SHRI KALAVA SRINIVASLU : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

- (a) the names of coasts where poaching of Whale Sharks has been taking place;
- (b) whether the Government have imposed a ban on poaching of Whale Sharks;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to check the poaching of Whale Sharks?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) A survey carried out by TRAFFIC-India has reported large scale fishing of Whale Sharks along the coast of Gujarat particularly in Veraval and Okha regions.

(b) and (c) Government of India has imposed a ban on hunting of Whale Sharks by including it in Schedule I of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 with effect from 28.5.2001.

(d) The steps taken by the Government to check the poaching of Whale Sharks are :

- i. Legal protection has been provided to Whale Sharks against hunting and commercial exploitation under the provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
- ii. Ministry of Commerce has been requested to prohibit the export of Whale Shark and its derivatives.
- iii. Cooperation of Coast Guards and State Government has been sought for preventing poaching and illegal trade of Whale Sharks.
- iv. The State Governments have been requested to provide wide publicity regarding ban on hunting and illegal trade of Whale Shark.

**Loss in Air India**

63. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the total loss suffered by Air India during the last financial year;

(b) the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to reduce the loss and make it profitable one?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) to (c) Air India is estimated to incur a loss of about less than fifty crores during the year 2000-01. This is mainly due to increase in fuel prices. If there had been no increase in fuel price, Air India could have achieved a profit of about Rs. 200 crores in 2000-01.

[Translation]

**Cellular Telephone Services**

64. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of mobile/cellular telephones and mobile telephone based on Wireless In Local Loop (WLL) technology provided by the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited and Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited (VSNL);

(b) the revenue earned by MTNL and VSNL therefrom as on date;

(c) whether some mobile/cellular telephones have been returned by the subscribers;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether MTNL propose to expand the range of Mobile telephone based on WLL technology;

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(g) whether the mobile service Hundai HGC-110 provided by MTNL is ineffective though its monthly rent is Rs. 600/-;

(h) if so, the reasons therefor;

(i) whether the Government propose to reduce the monthly rent of this mobile service; and

(j) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) VSNL does not provide mobile/cellular telephones and mobile telephone based on Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) Technology.

The number of mobile/cellular subscriber in MTNL Delhi/ Mumbai are as under :-

	Delhi	Mumbai
GSM Cellular	10117	10100
CDMA WLL	4618	Under installation

(b) The revenue earned by MTNL is as under :

	Delhi	Mumbai
GSM Cellular	Rs. 3,30,22,090/-	Rs. 2.17 crores (as on 30.6.01)
CDMA WLL	Rs. 10,09,11,044/-	Nil (service is under installation)

(c) Yes, Sir, few subscribers have applied for refund/surrender.

(d) Most of the subscribers have not mentioned the reasons for surrendered and a few subscribers in Delhi have complained about network coverage. The network coverage for cities Gurgaon, Faridabad & Ghaziabad will be available in a couple of months as licence for these areas was received by MTNL only in January this year.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) The equipment for 30,000 mobile WLL subscribers each covering all areas of Delhi and Mumbai has been procured and is under installation.

(g) No, Sir.

(h) Does not arise.

(i) MTNL is in a process to review the chargeable tariff.

(j) Not applicable in view of (i) above.

**Deployment of Guards at Airports in Madhya Pradesh**

65. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether working guards of Madhya Pradesh remain deployed at various airports of the State;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government have received any request from the Government of Madhya Pradesh regarding the monetary compensation for the expenditure involved on the deployment of guards;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which a decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) At all operational airports except Bhopal in Madhya Pradesh, State Police personnel are deployed for security duties. At Bhopal airport, Central Industrial Security Force has been deployed w.e.f. 16.3.2000 in place of State Police to perform security duties.

(b) to (d) Yes, Sir. Proposals received from State Government of Madhya Pradesh from time to time for reimbursement of expenditure incurred on deployment of State Police at airports are verified and due amounts are reimbursed by Airports Authority of India. So far Rs. 92.06 lakhs have been released for this purpose.

#### Telephone Connections

66. SHRI DINESH CHANDRA YADAV : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the existing rules for providing telephone connection on priority basis under the discretionary quota;

(b) the number of applications received from each district of Bihar for telephone connections under said quota as on date;

(c) the number of connections provided as on date, district-wise;

(d) the number of applications lying pending, district-wise;

(e) the time by which the remaining applications are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) All the Hon'ble Members of Parliament both Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha are entitled to recommend 100 telephone connections from their quota in a calendar year in their respective constituencies and in their respective States respectively. Hon'ble Members of Parliament who are also members of Consultative Committee/Parliamentary Committee for Ministry of Communications can also recommend an additional 30 telephone connections over and above the normal quota of 100 telephone connections. Apart from this Telecom Commission (HQ) sends sanction orders for out of turn telephones as sanctioned by Hon'ble Ministers for Communications, Chairman Telecom Commission as mentioned below :-

(1) Minister of Communications 1.00%\*

(2) MOS for Communications 0.50%\*

(3) Chairman (TC) 0.25%\*

(b) to (e) The detailed information is at given in the statement attached.

\* The percentage will be calculated as the number of Direct Exchange Lines (DELs) actually released in the immediate preceding year.

#### Statement

##### Information regarding discretionary quota of hon'ble MPs released as on date

Sl.No.	District	No. of application received	The No. of connections provided	No. of applications lying pending	Likely time by which the pending cases will be cleared
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Hazipur	06	03	03	Sept. 2001
2.	Khagaria	79	71	08	Within 6 mon.
3.	Begusarai	182	96	86	Within 6 months
4.	Darbhanga	04	03	01	March, 2002
5.	Madhubani	20	04	16	-do-



1	2	3	4	5	6
6.	Samastipur	89	07	82	-do-
7.	Muzaffarpur	458	301	157	Dec. 2001
8.	Sitamarhi	351	188	163	-do-
9.	Sheoher	27	11	16	-do-
10.	Katihar	209	195	14	March, 2002
11.	Purnia	84	72	12	-do-
12.	Araria	11	05	06	-do-
13.	Kishanganj	05	04	01	-do-
14.	Naugachira	60	42	18	-do-
15.	Bhojpur	93	73	20	Dec., 2001
16.	Buxar	75	52	23	-do-
17.	Rohtash	314	265	49	-do-
18.	Kammur	27	19	08	-do-
19.	Champaran (E)	247	149	98	March, 2002
20.	Champaran (W)	330	254	76	-do-
21.	Munger	59	24	35	-do-
22.	Lakhisarai	10	10	Nil	—
23.	Shakhpura	15	15	Nil	—
24.	Jamui	Nil	Nil	Nil	—
25.	Bhagalpur	72	63	09	Oct., 2001
26.	Banka	Nil	Nil	Nil	—
27.	Saharsa	26	04	22	March, 2002
28.	Madhepura	Nil	Nil	Nil	—
29.	Supaul	06	03	03	March, 2002
30.	Chapra	124	35	89	Oct., 2001
31.	Siwan	75	28	47	-do-
32.	Gopalganj	70	25	45	-do-
33.	Gaya	249	240	09	Sept., 2001

1	2	3	4	5	6
34.	Aurangabad	01	01	Nil	-do-
35.	Nawada	111	110	01	-do-
36.	Jahanabad	95	93	02	-do-
37.	Patna	982	855	127	Feb. 2002
38.	Nalanda	257	222	35	-do-
	Total	4,823	3,542	1,281	

**[English]**

## National Forestry Action Programme

67. SHRI RATILAL KALIDAS VARMA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

- (a) the objectives of the National Forestry Action Programme (NFAP) alongwith its main components;
- (b) the total land earmarked for implementation of the programme particularly in Gujarat, State-wise; and
- (c) the details of land earmarked separately for main and sub-programme under main components;

**THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) :** (a) The Ministry of Environment and Forests have formulated National Forestry Action Programme (NFAP), a comprehensive strategic long term plan for the next twenty years to address the issues underlying major problems of the forestry sector in line with the National Forest Policy, 1998. The objective of the NFAP is to bring one third area of the country under forest/tree cover and to arrest de-forestation for achieving sustainable development of forests.

The National Forestry Action Programme has five main components :

**1. Project Existing Forest Resources :** It has three main-sub programmes. (i) Forest protection, (ii) Soil and water conservation, and (iii) Protected areas and biodiversity conservation.

**2. Improve Forest Productivity :** It has four main sub-programmes. (i) Rehabilitation of degraded forests, (ii) Research and technology development, (iii) Development of Non Wood Forest Products and (iv) Assisting private initiatives with community participation.

**3. Reduce Total Demand :** It has three main sub-programmes for efficient uses of (i) Fuelwood and fodder, (ii) Timber, and (iii) Non Wood Forest Products.

**4. Strengthen Policy and Institutional Framework :** It has three main sub-programmes. (i) Central forestry administration, (ii) Central forestry institutions, and (iii) State forestry administration and institutions.

**5. Expand Forest Area :** It has two main sub-programmes. (i) Tree plantation on forest and non-forest lands, and (ii) People's participation in plantations and their protection.

(b) and (c) The total land earmarked for implementation of National Forestry Action Programme (NFAP) in Gujarat is 2.62 million hectares. The details of land earmarked for each main and sub programme under main components are given in the statement attached.

### Statement

S.No.	Name of State	Programme/Sub-Programme	Physical Target (million ha.)
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Improve Forest Productivity	
		a. Rehabilitation & regeneration	1.60
		b. Re-afforestation	0.75
		c. Improve existing plantations	0.30
		Total	2.65

1	2	3	4
		<b>Expand Forest Area</b>	
		a. Planting public lands	0.40
		b. Planting private lands-rural	1.48
		c. Planting private lands-urban	0.40
		Total	2.28
2.	<b>Arunachal Pradesh</b>	<b>Improve Forest Productivity</b>	
		a. Artificial plantation	0.054
		b. AFR/EFR plantation	0.004
		c. Aided regeneration	0.044
		Total	0.102
		<b>Expand Forest Area</b>	
		a. Programme implementation	0.05
3.	<b>Assam</b>	<b>Improve Forest Productivity</b>	
		a. Afforestation of degraded forests	0.80
		b. Including natural regeneration	0.10
		c. Orchids, medicinal and other NWFP	0.02
		Total	0.92
		<b>Expand Forest Area</b>	
		a. Fringe village development	0.08
		b. Afforestation of private lands	0.10
		Total	0.18
4.	<b>Bihar</b>	<b>Improve Forest Productivity</b>	
		a. Forests, density more than 40%	1.04
		b. Forests, density less than 40%	0.42
		c. NWFP improvement	0.04
		Total	1.50
		<b>Expand Forest Area</b>	
		a. Private forestry-South Bihar	0.65
		b. Private forestry-North Bihar	0.98
		c. Non-forest areas	1.08
		Total	2.71

1	2	3	4
5.	<b>Goa</b>	<b>Improve Forest Productivity</b>	
		a. Afforestation of degraded forests	0.012
		b. Rehabilitation of degraded mined area	0.001
		c. Development of cane & bamboo area	0.004
		d. Development of teak area	0.001
		e. Afforestation of forests area	0.008
		f. Development of mangroves	0.002
		Total	0.028
		<b>Expand Forest Area</b>	
		a. Development of fuel wood & fodder	0.0002
		b. Urban forestry	0.0004
		c. Plantation of community land	0.002
		d. Land acquisition	0.001
		Total	0.0036
6	<b>Gujarat</b>	<b>Improve Forest Productivity</b>	
		a. Restoration of degraded forests	0.20
		b. Reboisement of denuded forest	0.24
		c. Savannaland development	0.24
		d. Grassland development	0.02
		e. Desert border immobilization	0.02
		f. Mangrove restoration	0.01
		g. Coastal border restoration	0.01
		Total	0.74
		<b>Expand Forest Area</b>	
		a. Strip plantation	0.02
		b. Village woodlots	0.03
		c. Saline land development	0.01
		d. Seedling for distribution	1.82
		Total	1.88

1	2	3	4
7	<b>Haryana</b>	<b>Improve Forest Productivity</b>	
		a. Rehab degraded forests	0.17
		<b>Expand Forest Area</b>	
		a. Strip plantation	0.06
		b. Planting institutional lands	0.05
		c. Nursery for farm forestry	0.33
		d. Afforesting salt-affected lands	0.18
		e. Afforesting Aravalli areas	0.07
		f. Afforesting sand dune areas	0.01
		Total	0.70
8.	<b>Himachal Pradesh</b>	<b>Improve Forest Productivity</b>	
		a. NWFF propagation	0.09
		b. Managing natural forests	0.10
		c. Managing pasture lands	0.30
		Total	0.49
		<b>Expand Forest Area</b>	
		a. Managing open forests	0.39
		b. Managing scrublands	0.02
		Total	0.41
9.	<b>J&amp;K</b>	<b>Improve Forest Productivity</b>	
		a. Pasture development	0.25
		b. Natural regeneration of forests	0.50
		c. Rehabilitation of degraded forests	0.25
		d. Shivallik ecodevelopment Project	0.75
		e. Integrated watershed dev. Project	0.30
		Total	2.05
		<b>Expand Forest Area</b>	
		a. Extension of forest area	3.32
		b. Area oriented fuel & fodder plantation	0.20
		c. Survey & planting pvt. Lands	0.61
		d. Nursery in pvt. Lands	0.09
		Total	4.22

1	2	3	4
10.	<b>Karnataka</b>	<b>Improve Forest Productivity</b>	
		a. Restoration of degraded forest	0.75
		b. Afforestation of degraded forest	0.64
		c. Afforestation grassy blanks	0.01
		d. Bamboo areas improvement	0.40
		e. Sandal forest improvement	0.14
		f. Rosewood forest improvement	0.11
		g. Teak forest improvement	0.23
		h. Existing plantation improvement	0.72
		i. Cane forest improvement	0.09
		Total	3.09
		<b>Expand Forest Area</b>	
		a. Canal banks	0.02
		b. Tank foreshores	0.09
		c. Agroforestry & wasteland development	0.01
		Total	0.12
11.	<b>Kerala</b>	<b>Improve Forest Productivity</b>	
		a. Augmentation for multiple use	0.10
		b. Bamboo bearing forest	0.01
		c. Reed forest	0.003
		d. Dense forest, ecological values	0.025
		e. Dense forest, NWFP	0.005
		Total	0.14
		<b>Expand Forest Area</b>	
		a. Total plantation	0.12
12.	<b>Madhya Pradesh</b>	<b>Improve Forest Productivity</b>	
		a. Promote natural regeneration	4.00
		b. Rehabilitation of flowered bamboo	0.40
		c. Rehabilitation of depleted bamboo	0.11
		d. Rehabilitation of degraded forests	1.50
		Total	6.01

1	2	3	4
		<b>Expand Forest Area</b>	
		a. Planting revenue/community lands	0.77
		b. Planting farm follows	0.08
		c. Planting community strips	0.02
		d. Planting farm bunds	0.51
		Total	1.38
13.	<b>Maharashtra</b>	<b>Improve Forest Productivity</b>	
		a. Enrichment bamboo under planting	1.20
		b. Grassland Development	0.08
		c. Rehabilitation of degraded forests	0.90
		d. Commercial plantation	0.20
		e. JFM in degraded forests	0.30
		Total	2.68
		<b>Expand Forest Area</b>	
		a. Community wasteland	0.65
		b. Coastal plantation	0.004
		c. Mangrove plantation	0.004
		d. Village roadside plantation	0.024
		Total	0.682
14.	<b>Manipur</b>	<b>Improve Forest Productivity</b>	
		a. Afforestation of forest wasteland	0.15
		b. Abandon shifting cultivation	0.12
		c. Barak river catchment	0.30
		d. Non timber forest Product	0.06
		e. Grazing control	0.04
		f. Restocking reserved forest	0.10
		Total	0.77
		<b>Expand Forest Area</b>	
		a. Planting non-traditional area	0.31
15.	<b>Meghalaya</b>	—	

1	2	3	4
16.	<b>Mizoram</b>	<b>Improve Forest Productivity</b>	
		a. Tending old plantation/natural forest	0.20
		b. ANR for timber	0.16
		c. ANR for fuelwood	0.20
		d. NWFP development	0.04
		Total	0.60
		<b>Expand Forest Area</b>	
		Seedlings for distribution	0.02
17.	<b>Nagaland</b>	Details of investment estimates not available	
18.	<b>Orissa</b>	<b>Improve Forest Productivity</b>	
		a. Rehab. degraded forest	0.16
		<b>Expand Forest Area</b>	
		a. Industrial plantation	0.10
		b. Development Private lands (nursery)	0.18
		Total	0.28
19.	<b>Punjab</b>	<b>Improve Forest Productivity</b>	
		a. Enrichment planting-forests in plains	0.04
		b. Creation of high-production forest in plains	0.02
		c. Silvicultural operation-plain forests	0.04
		d. Replanting after harvest in forests	0.04
		e. Enrichment planting-kandi forests	0.08
		f. Silviculture Operations-Kandi forests	0.09
		Total	0.31
		<b>Expand Forest Area</b>	
		a. Underlating kandi lands	0.015
		b. Planting public lands	0.20
		c. Plants for public	0.135
		Total	0.35



1	2	3	4
20	<b>Rajasthan</b>	<b>Improve Forest Productivity</b>	
		a. Desert development programme	0.80
		<b>Expand Forest Area</b>	
		a. Integrated watershed development	4.04
		b. IGNP command development	0.1
		c. IGNP non-command development	0.2
		Total	4.34
21.	<b>Sikkim</b>	<b>Improve Forest Productivity</b>	
		a. Grazing control & pasture development	0.03
		b. Regeneration of conifer forest	0.02
		c. Regeneration of sal forest	0.01
		d. Natural forest management	0.03
		e. Watershed mgm. & soil cons.	0.07
		f. Bamboo, cane cultivation	0.03
		g. Non-wood forest produce	0.01
		Total	0.20
		<b>Expand Forest Area</b>	
		a. Fuel, fodder development	0.046
		b. Community/pvt. Forest management	0.002
		c. Social forestry	0.030
		d. Sericulture development	0.002
		Total	0.08
22.	<b>Tamil Nadu</b>	<b>Improve Forest Productivity</b>	
		a. JFM scheme	0.005
		b. Afforestation for timber	0.005
		c. Bamboo afforestation	0.041
		d. Sandal afforestation	0.116
		e. Site improvement afforestation	0.163
		Total	0.33

1	2	3	4
		<b>Expand Forest Area</b>	
	a.	General afforestation scheme	0.048
	b.	Teak afforestation scheme	0.002
	c.	Bamboo plantation scheme	0.036
	d.	Sandal development scheme	0.030
	e.	Agave plantation scheme	0.016
	f.	Timber spp. Plantation scheme	0.020
	g.	Fuelwood plantation scheme	0.085
	h.	Eucalyptus plantation scheme	0.027
	i.	Teak plantation scheme	0.006
	j.	Tamarind plantation scheme	0.015
	k.	MFP plantation scheme	0.070
	l.	Vengal plantation scheme	0.001
	m.	Casuarina plantation scheme	0.002
	n.	Rosewood plantation scheme	0.001
	o.	Cashew estate scheme	0.001
	p.	Redsanders plantation scheme	0.019
		Total	0.38
23.	Tripura	<b>Improve Forest Productivity</b>	
	a.	Afforesting forest wasteland	0.04
		<b>Expand Forest Area</b>	
	a.	Afforesting non-forest wastelands	0.03
	b.	Fodder on community/pvt. lands	0.01
		Total	0.04
24.	Uttar Pradesh	<b>Improve Forest Productivity</b>	
	a.	Afforestation of panchayat hill forests	0.33
	b.	Afforestation of bank hill forests	0.60
	c.	Afforestation of degraded forest plains	0.33

1	2	3	4
		d. Afforestation of degraded forest Vindhya region	0.12
		e. Ravine treatment	0.11
		f. Usar land reclamation	0.04
		g. Bamboo plantation improvement	0.02
		h. Bamboo forest improvement	0.13
		i. Sal regeneration, terai area	0.03
		j. Chir pine regeneration, hills	0.12
		k. Tendu forests, Vindhyan region	0.45
		Total	2.28
		<b>Expand Forest Area</b>	
		a. Community woodlots, plains	0.04
		b. Strip plantation	0.40
		c. Afforestation of civil-soam hill forests	0.35
		d. Mechanised khair/shishum plantation, terai	0.08
		e. Sal, plantation terai	0.03
		f. Urban stip plant, brick guard	0.002
		g. Urban stip plant, barbed wire fence	0.003
		h. Urban block plantation	0.06
		Total	0.96
25.	<b>West Bengal</b>	<b>Improve Forest Productivity</b>	
		a. Economic plantation	0.002
		b. Quick-growing plantation	0.002
		c. Medicinal plants & NWFP	0.025
		d. Fuel-fodder project	0.068
		e. Integr. Affo. & Eco. Development	0.065
		f. WB forestry project	0.140
		g. Agro-silviculture	0.002
		Total	0.30

1	2	3	4
		<b>Expand Forest Area</b>	
	a.	Sundarban biosphere reserve	0.002
	b.	Farm forestry	0.19
	c.	Wasteland plantation	0.075
	d.	WB Forest Project homestead	0.018
	e.	WB Forests Project strip plantation	0.024
		Total	0.309
26.	<b>A&amp;N Islands</b>	<b>Improve Forest Productivity</b>	
	a.	Regeneration of forests	0.06
	b.	Enrichment plantations	0.01
		Total	0.07

#### Review of Irrigation Projects

68. SHRIMATI JAYABEN B. THAKKAR : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have appointed a committee of secretaries to review irrigation projects which have been approved but could not taken off for the last two years; and

(b) if so, the time by which the work on the said projects is likely to be commenced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY):  
(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[Translation]

#### Extinction of Species of Birds

69. SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA :

SHRI BHUPENDRASINH SOLANKI :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether as per a survey, 73 species of birds are on the verge of extinction due to ruining of their natural habitat;

(b) If so, whether any survey had been conducted by Birdlife International in 1981 in respect of Asian birds indicating extinction of 51 species which has now gone upto 73;

(c) If so, the efforts made by the Government since 1981 uptill now to save the birds; and

(d) the amount spent in this regard so far?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) and (b) Several organisations including Birdlife International have been expressing concerns about decline in population of several bird species in India. As per the reports, 78 species of birds in India are threatened. No survey was carried out by Birdlife International in 1981. However, as per the report entitled 'Birds to Watch - 1' (Red data book) published by International Council for Bird Preservation in 1988, 62 Indian bird species were reported threatened.

(c) Following important steps have been taken by the Central Government to protect the birds in the country :-

(i) Hunting of all wild animals and birds has been banned under Wildlife (Protection) Act.

(ii) Crucial habitats of various species of wild animals and birds have been notified as national parks and sanctuaries. Important national parks and sanctuaries are also notified as Ramsar Sites and World Natural Heritage Sites.

- (iii) Regular patrolling of the area to control poaching and illegal trade in wild animals and their products is done. Cooperation of other enforcement agencies and international organisations is also taken in this regard.
- (iv) Management of the Wildlife Habitats is done on scientific lines, allowing in national parks and sanctuaries only such activities which are for betterment of Wildlife.
- (v) Financial assistance is provided to State Governments for effective management of national parks and sanctuaries.
- (vi) Support scientific research for monitoring the population status of various species and evolving strategies for in-situ and ex-situ conservation of various species.
- (vii) Transfer of technology to field managers through training and workshops.
- (viii) Create awareness about the importance of Wildlife conservation.
- (ix) Action to implement the recommendations of the International Workshop on vultures has been initiated.
- (x) Various recommendations for Wildlife conservation was recently made at the meeting of State Ministers of Environment and Forests held at Coimbatore on 29th and 30th January, 2000 and implementation of these recommendations known as, "Coimbatore Charter" will go a long way in mitigating many of the existing problems.

(d) The amount released in the last four years for bird sanctuaries is as follows :-

Year	Amount (Rs. in lakh)
1997-98	166.984
1998-99	185.69
1999-2000	223.51
2000-2001	238.20

[English]

#### **Setting up of a National Highways Grid**

70. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the Government have formulated any scheme to set up a National Highway Grid;
- (b) if so, the details alongwith present status thereof;
- (c) the time by which the National Highways Grid is likely to be set up; and
- (d) the amount to be spent on this work, National Highway-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) SHRI B.C. KHANDURI) : (a) and (b) It is envisaged to develop National Highway grid of 100 km. This requires a National Highway network of over 66,000 km. against the existing National Highway length of 57,737 km.

(c) Expansion of National Highway network is a continuous process and the goal to have grid of National Highway is to be achieved in a phased manner depending on the overall availability of resources.

(d) It is not possible to indicate details at this stage.

#### **Funds for Swimming Pool at Quilon, Kerala**

71. SHRI P. RAJENDRAN : Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the Government have released sanctioned funds for completion of swimming pool at Sports Complex, Quilon, Kerala; and
- (b) if so, the progress of construction of the proposed project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PON. RADHA-KRISHNAN) : (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

#### **Demands of Gramin Dak Sewaks**

72. SHRI AJAY CHAKRABORTY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the designation of the Extra Departmental Agents in Department of Posts has been changed to Gramin Dak Sewaks;
- (b) if so, whether any specific rules have been framed in regard to working conditions of the Gramin Dak Sewaks;

- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether any decision has been taken to settle the long pending demands of GDS; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) Gramin Dak Sevaks are employed for a period of duty ranging from 2 to 5 hours a day. They do not form part of the regular civil services and their terms and conditions of employment are governed by separate set of rules, earlier named P&T ED Agents (conduct & Services) Rules, 1964, and now amended as Gramin Dak Sevaks (Conduct & Employment) Rules, 2001, incorporating the changed nomenclature of EDAs and also the specific characteristics of the ED systems. In the context of 5th Central Pay Commission for regular Central Government Employees, the Government had set up a one-man committee headed by Justice Charanjeet Talwar to examine the wage structure and other conditions of employment of ED. Agents. After due consideration of the recommendations of Justice Talwar Committee, the Government extended the following package of benefits to Gramin Dak Sevaks;

(i) Increasing the allowance of Gramin Dak Sevaks by a factor of 3.25 for the period 1.1.96 to 28.2.1998.

(ii) Introducing the concept of Time Related Continuity Allowance (TRCA) in lieu of monthly allowance related to workload.

(iii) Increasing the amount of ex-gratia gratuity admissible from Rs. 6,000/- to Rs. 18,000/-.

(iv) Introducing the concept of paid leave at the rate of 10 days for every half-year without the provision of carry forward of encashment.

(v) Increasing office maintenance allowance admissible to Gramin Dak Sevaks BPM from Rs. 25/- to Rs. 50/- per month.

(vi) Providing for lump sum Severance Amount of Rs. 20,000/- or Rs. 30,000/- depending on period of employment as post-employment benefit, on discharge from employment at the age of 65 years or death in harness or on absorption against departmental post.

These benefits were extended in full and final settlement of all pending demands relating to recommendations of Justice Talwar Committee. As regards demand for pension, no Govt. Sponsored Social Security Scheme was found to be feasible, specially when provision for Severance Amount already exists. A Social Security Scheme formulated in consultation with LIC has been forwarded to the Postal Federations.

[Translation]

### **Vanishing of Indian Cricketers from Australian Cricket Training Academy**

73. SHRI PADAM SEN CHOUDHRY : Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian Cricketers recently getting training in the Australian Cricket Academy have vanished altogether;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PON RADHA-KRISHNAN) : (a) As per information received from BCCI, all the players sent by BCCI for training at Commonwealth Bank Cricket Academy during 2000 and 2001 have returned back from Australia.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

[English]

### **Telecom Facilities in Sikkim**

74. SHRI BHIM DAHAL : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of telephone exchanges, post offices and sub-post offices opened in Sikkim during each of the last two years, district-wise;

(b) the places where new telephone exchanges, post offices and sub-post offices are proposed to be opened during 2001-02;

(c) the number of proposals under consideration of the Government for setting up of post offices and sub-post offices; and

(d) the time by which these are likely to be approved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) and (b) Details are furnished in the statement attached.

(c) At present no proposals are under consideration for opening of Sub-Post Offices.

(d) Three Extra-Departmental Branch Post Offices mentioned against item (b) are likely to be opened if the requisite norms are fulfilled and the posts are sanctioned.

**Statement**

*The number of telephone exchanges and Post offices opened in Sikkim district-wise during the last two years are as follows :*

District	No. of Telephone Exchange opened		No. of Post Offices Opened			
			Department Sub-Post Offices		Extra Department Branch Post Offices	
	99-00	00-01	99-00	00-01	99-00	00-01
Sikkim East	1	-	-	1	2	-
Sikkim West	-	1	-	-	-	-
Sikkim North	1	1	-	-	-	-
Sikkim South	1	2	-	-	-	-

Places where new telephone exchanges, post offices and sub-post offices are proposed to be opened during 2001-2002.

(i) **Telephone Exchanges : New Telephone Exchanges** at Makha, Majhitar and Sichey have been planned during the year 2001-2002 in Sikkim East District. Out of the planned telephone exchanges, two at Makha and Majhitar have already been opened.

(ii) **Post Offices : Three Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices** have been planned at :

- (1) Lungsing Ralang under South Sikkim
- (2) Uper Khandang under East Sikkim
- (3) Meli Aching under West Sikkim

**Increase in Air Traffic**

75. SHRI G. PUTTA SWAMY GOWDA :

SHRI R.S. PATIL :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the air passenger traffic has steadily increased during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government are planning to start new flights from Bangalore to various destinations; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) and (b) Domestic air passenger traffic increase during the last three years is as follows :

Year	Domestic Passenger carried (in lakhs)
1998	118.6
1999	122.3
2000	133.2

(c) and (d) Airlines are free to connect any place/routes based on their commercial judgement subject, of course, to the compliance with the Route Dispersal Guidelines which provide for certain minimum operations in specified category of routes.

**International Flights from Hyderabad**

76. SHRI B.K. PARTHASARATHI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to introduce direct flight from Geneva to Hyderabad, London to Hyderabad etc. in view of the traffic and the willingness expressed by the air carriers; and

(b) if so, the time by which these services are likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

*[Translation]***International Money Transfer Service**

77. DR. ASHOK PATEL : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have recently started International Money Transfer Service in post offices;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of countries likely to be covered under the said service; and

(d) the details of countries where this service is likely to be commenced initially?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As a result of the collaboration of the Department of Posts with the Western Union Financial Services International, USA, a state of the art International Money Transfer Service is now available through the Post Offices in India. The service enables instantaneous remittance of money to India. The recipients can collect the money immediately after remittance has been made by the sender.

(c) At present under the scheme, only inward remittance service to India is available from 185 countries.

(d) The countries where this service is available are listed in the statement attached.

**Statement**

*List of countries from which India post-western union money transfer services can be availed*

Albania	American Samoa	Angola	Anguilla	Antigua & Barbuda	Argentina	Armenia	Aruba	Australia	Austria
Azerbaijan Bonaire	Bahamas Bosnia & Herzegovina	Bahrain Botswana	Barbados Brazil	Belarus British Virgin Islands	Belgium Brunei Darussalam	Belize Bulgaria	Benin Burkina Faso	Bermuda Burundi	Bolivia Cambodia
Cameroon	Canada	Capa Verde	Cayman Islands	Central African Republic	Chad	Chile	China	Columbia	Comoros
Congo (Brazzaville)	Cook Islands	Costa Rica	Cotedivore	Croatia	Curacao	Cyprus	Cyprus (Northern)	Czech Republic	Democratic Rep. of Congo
Denmark	Dominica	Dominican Republic	Ecuador	Egypt	El Salvador	Equatorial Guinea	Eritrea	Estonia	Ethiopia
Fiji	Finland	France	French Guiana	Gabon	Gambia	Georgia	Germany	Ghana	Gibraltar
Greece	Grenada	Guadeloupe	Guam	Guatemala	Guinea	Guinea Bissau	Guyana	Haiti	Honduras
Hong Kong	Hungary	Iceland	Indonesia	Ireland	Israel	Italy	Ivory Coast	Jamaica	Japan
Jordan	Kazakhstan	Kenya	Kosovo	Kuwait	Kyrgyz Republic	Latvia	Lebanon	Lesotho	Liberia
Lithuania	Luxembourg	Macedonia	Madagascar	Malawi	Malaysia	Mali	Malta	Marshall Islands	Martinique
Mauritania	Mauritius	Mexico	Moldova	Monaco	Mongolia	Morocco	Mozambique	Namibia	Nepal
Netherlands	New Caledonia	New Zealand	Nicaragua	Niger	Nigeria	Oman	Pakistan	Palestinian Authority	Panama
Paraguay	Peru	Philippines	Poland	Portugal	Puerto Rico	Qatar	Reunion	Romania	Russia
Rwanda	Saint Kitts & Nevis	Saint Lucia	Saint Maarten	Saint Martin	Saint Vincent	Samoa	Saudi Arabia	Senegal	Sierra Leone
Singapore	Slovakia	Slovenia	South Africa	Spain	Sri Lanka	Suriname	Swaziland	Sweden	Switzerland
Taiwan	Tanzania	Thailand	Togo	Tonga	Trinidad & Tobago	Tunisia	Turkey	Turkmenistan	Turks & Caicos
US Virgin Islands	Uganda	Ukraine	United Arab Emirates	United Kingdom	United States	Uruguay	Venezuela	Vietnam	Yemen
Yugoslavia	Zambia	Zimbabwe	Algeria	Maldives					



[English]

### **Setting up of Postal Divisions in Uttar Pradesh**

78. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

- (a) the details of postal divisions set up in Uttar Pradesh during each of the last three years;
- (b) whether the Government propose to set up more such divisions in the State; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof, location-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) No postal Division has been set up in Uttar Pradesh Circle during the last three years.

- (b) There is no such proposal at present.
- (c) Question does not arise in view (b) above.

### **Augmentation of Water Resources**

79. SHRI K.E. KRISHNAMURTHY : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the Government have prepared any comprehensive plan for augmentation of water resources in the country;
- (b) if so, whether view of the World Commission on Dams have also been taken into consideration while preparing the said plan; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) The National Water Policy inter-alia envisages augmenting the availability of water by adopting measures for maximizing retention and minimising losses, recharging ground water, adopting water harvesting practices, making water available to water short areas by inter-basin transfer based on a national perspective and recycling and re-use of water. The rain water has been harnessed by construction of large, medium and minor storage reservoirs through planned development since independence. Upto 1995, a live storage capacity of 177 Billion Cubic Meter (BCM) has been created by construction of large dams in the country. Besides projects to add an additional storage capacity of about 75 BCM are under construction and 132 BCM are under planning.

As a long term measure, a National Perspective Plan has been formulated for water resources development which envisages inter-linking between various peninsular and Himalaya rivers for transfer of water from surplus basins to water deficit basins. Government of India is also promoting rain water harvesting through Watershed Management Programme artificial recharge of ground water and roof-top rain water harvesting under the sector reform project of Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme under the Ministry of Rural Development, for which technical and financial assistance is provided to the State Governments and other implementing agencies.

(b) Government of India has not accepted the recommendations and guidelines of the World Commission on Dams as these are wholly incompatible with our development imperatives.

(c) Does not arise.

### **Irrigation Projects in Maharashtra**

80. SHRI SADASHIVRAO DADOBA MANDLIK : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the Government of Maharashtra has submitted any irrigation projects for approval during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of projects approved/pending/rejected, till-date;
- (d) the assistance provided during the said period, project-wise;
- (e) the reasons for rejected proposals; and
- (f) the time by which the pending proposals are likely to be approved by the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) to (c) and (e) Out of 29 major/medium irrigation projects submitted by Government of Maharashtra to the Central Water Commission for techno-economic appraisal, 7 major projects have been sent back to the State Government on account of basic deficiencies in project planning and 22 medium projects are under appraisal / correspondence with the State Government. Two projects received during 1994-95 were accepted by the Advisory Committee of Ministry of Water Resources subject to certain observations. The details are given in the enclosed statement.

(d) No financial assistance has been provided to the above projects as Central Loan Assistance under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme is made available only to such approved projects which comply with the norms of this programme.

(f) Clearance of major / medium irrigation projects depends on resolution of inter - State issues wherever involved and compliance of observations of various central appraising agencies by the State Government.

#### Statement

Sl.No.	Name of Project	Date of Receipt	Cost in Rs. Crore
1	2	3	4
<b>Major</b>			
1.	Urmodi	16.11.98	212.08
2.	Tarali	13.07.98	194.32
3.	Niradeoghar	24.02.99	588.65
4.	Sinakolegaon	29.10.99	40.17
5.	Bhama Ashked	24.03.99	393.30
6.	Temghar	31.08.2000	267.64
7.	Dhom Bhalkwadi	19.03.2001	448.55
<b>Medium</b>			
1.	Chitri	13.01.2000	79.94
2.	Andhra Khore	15.02.2000	44.37
3.	Kirimiri - Darur	31.03.2000	27.89
4.	Wakod	31.03.2000	28.32
5.	Gautami Godavari	3.7.2000	65.57
6.	Kashyapi	3.7.2000	49.33
7.	Sapan	11.9.2000	36.30
8.	Sonapur (Tomta)	20.9.2000	14.43
9.	Saranghkeda (Barrage)	23.10.2000	132.51
10.	Haranghat L.I.S.	2.11.2000	44.11

1	2	3	4
11.	Gul River	3.11.2000	55.94
12.	Ghataprabha	5.1.2001	34.92
13.	Rakoradinalla	2.3.2001	17.32
14.	Dara	2.3.2001	32.62
15.	Lower Panzara	2.3.2001	120.34
16.	Nagan	2.3.2001	48.38
17.	Northmand	18.4.2001	93.00
18.	Morna Gureghar	18.4.2001	101.50
19.	Wang	18.4.2001	134.53
20.	Nagewadi	25.6.2001	51.47
21.	Prakasha Barrage	26.4.99	93.60
22.	Jambre	23.7.99	50.70
23.*	Jam Irrigation	5/94	42.63
24.*	Utwall	11/95	35.77

\* Accepted by TAC with certain observations.

#### Konar Irrigation Project

81. SHRI ANANTA NAYAK : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the original estimated cost of Konar Irrigation Project in Orissa;

(b) whether the cost has substantially been escalated;

(c) if so, whether the Government propose to revise the cost of the project;

(d) the amount spent on the project, year-wise till date; and

(e) the steps taken to release additional amount for the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) to (e) There is no major or medium ongoing Irrigation Project bearing the name Konar in Orissa. Konar Irrigation project is located in Jharkhand. The original cost of this project

was Rs. 93.6 crore in 1984. The latest estimated cost is Rs. 337 crore. The cumulative expenditure upto March, 2000 is about Rs. 100.83 crore. The Central Government is giving Central Loan Assistance (CLA) under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme to only such approved irrigation projects which comply with the norms of this programme.

#### **New Internet Connection System**

82. SHRI PRABHAT SAMANTRAY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) proposes to new internet connection system for the private basic operators;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the date on which the said system is likely to be effective?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

#### **Modernisation of Postal Services**

83. SHRI C.N. SINGH : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to modernise postal services in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures being taken to enlist the support of the villages (Panchayats) to extend Postal Network?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Department of Posts propose to carry on the modernisation process it started during the 8th Five Year Plan further.

(b) i) The front office computerisation by providing Multi-Purpose Counter Machines (MPCMs) would be continued. Six thousand (6000) such machines have been provided to different post offices in the country. Another one thousand (1000) machines will be supplied before the end of the current financial year.

ii) Sixty-two (62) new VSATs (Very Small Aperture Terminals) stations have been

added to the network during the year for transmission of money orders. Another eighty eight (88) VSAT stations will be inducted before the end of the current financial year, raising the network strength to two hundred twenty seven (227).

iii) It is also proposed to install Automatic Integrated Mail Processing Centres at Kolkata and Delhi which will ensure expeditious processing & delivery of mail in these metro cities.

(c) A total of two thousand (2000) Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Kendras were opened during 2000-2001. A target of opening another 2000 Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Kendras have been fixed during the current financial year. These Kendras are being opened on the recommendations of the Panchayats.

#### **Local Call Facility**

84. SHRI CHANDRA VIJAYA SINGH : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to provide local call facility between Delhi and Moradabad;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Local call facility at 180 sec. pulse rate is provided :

(i) When two Short Distance Charging Areas (SDCAs) are adjacent.

(ii) When the radial distance between the two Short Distance Charging Centres (SDCCs) of two SDCAs falling in the same or adjacent Long Distance Charging Areas (LDCAs) is upto 50 Kms.

(iii) When the radial distance between two Long Distance Charging Centres (LDCCs) of two non-adjacent LDCAs is upto 50 kms.

Since Delhi and Moradabad SDCAs do not fulfil the criteria as indicated above; Local Call facility at 180 sec. pulse rate has not been provided between Delhi and Moradabad.

**Withdrawal from participation in major cricket tournaments**

85. SHRI RAMJIVAN SINGH : Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the withdrawal by the Board of Control for Cricket from participation in the major cricket tournaments such as World Cup, Asia Cup and the ICC Knock Out Cup because of Government's refuse to allow participation in the non-regular venues like Sharjah & Singapore etc;

(b) if so, the reasons for disallowing participation by the Indian Cricket in such major events stating its likely impact on the Indian Cricket; and

(c) the details of the policy laid down by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PON RADHA-KRISHNAN) : (a) to (c) The Government has not received any formal communication from the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) regarding its decision. The Government has not disallowed participation of Indian Cricket team in major events like World Cup, Asia Cup or ICC Knock Out Tournament.

The Government has clarified its policy to BCCI that under the prevailing circumstances it would be inappropriate for the Indian team to participate in a two-nation tournament between India and Pakistan at present. The Government has also taken a decision not to play any matches at non-regular venues at least for a period of three years. India will thus continue to play against Pakistan in multilateral tournaments at regular venues. However, the permission to play in a particular event will be given on receipt of the proposal on case-to-case basis after completing requisite formalities.

[Translation]

**Facilities under Industrial Disputes Act, 1947**

86. DR. BALIRAM : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the various facilities available to the staff unions under the Industrial Dispute Act, 1947;

(b) the proportion in which the working office bearers of the Union are provided facilities;

(c) whether the working office bearers of the Unions of the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd. in Delhi and Mumbai are being provided facilities in violation of the rule; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL) : (a) Under Section 33(3) of the Industrial Dispute Act, 1947, no employer shall during the pendency of any proceedings in respect of an industrial dispute, take any action against any protected workman concerned in the dispute—

(i) by altering, to the prejudice of such protected workmen, the conditions of service applicable to him immediately before the commencement of such proceedings; or

(ii) by discharging or punishing, whether by dismissal or otherwise, such protected workman, save with the express permission in writing of the authority before which the proceeding is pending.

For the purpose of this sub-section, a 'protected workman' in relation to an establishment, means a workman who, being (a member of the executive or other office-bearer) of a registered trade union connected with the establishment is recognised as such, in accordance with rules made in this behalf.

(b) to (d) Information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

**Estimates for Maintenance and New work**

87. KUNWAR AKHILESH SINGH : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received any estimates from power and civil wing relating of maintenance and new works in various departmental colonies in Delhi for sanction during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which these estimates are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

**Upgradation of Biju Patnaik Airport**

88. DR. PRASANNA KUMAR PATASANI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have decided to start development works at the "Biju Patnaik Airport" at Bhubneshwar;

(b) whether the Government have received any proposal for upgrading Biju Patnaik Airport as International Airport; and

(c) if so, the time by which it is proposed to be declared?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) to (c) Airports Authority of India (AAI) had constructed a new terminal building with all modern passenger facilities to cater to 500 passengers at a time at an estimated cost of Rs. 17.77 crores. Airport is suitable to handle limited international flights with AB-320 class of aircraft. AAI has taken up work for extension of runway to 9000' to make it suitable for wide bodied jet aircraft operation at a cost of Rs. 12.62 crores. The work is held up due to non closure of road passing through the area of proposed extension.

#### **Electronic Telephone Exchanges in J&K**

89. VAIDYA VISHNU DATT SHARMA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of electronic telephone exchanges functioning in Jammu and Kashmir as on date, district-wise;

(b) the number of old exchanges functioning in the State, district-wise;

(c) the steps being taken to replace all the exchanges by electronic ones; and

(d) the funds allocated for the purpose during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) The number of telephone exchanges functioning in Jammu and Kashmir as on date district-wise are as follows :

District	No. of Exchanges
1	2
Anantnag	14
Badgam	10
Baramulla	19
Doda	21
Kathua	36
Kupwara	04
Leh	20
Jammu	65

1	2
Kargil	10
Rajouri	25
Poonch	15
Pulwama	11
Srinagar	11
Udampur	39

(b) Nil

(c) and (d) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

#### **Narmada Dam Project**

90. SHRI VIRENDRA KUMAR : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the steps taken by the Government to complete Narmada Dam Project;

(b) whether the height of the dam is also being raised; and

(c) if so, the present status of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY) : (a) to (c) As per Narmada Water Dispute Tribunal Award, construction of Sardar Sarovar Dam is linked to the pari-passu completion of the rehabilitation and resettlement (R&R) of the Project Affected Families (PAFs) and the implementation of the environmental safeguard measures. As per the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, in its judgement dated 18.10.2000, the Sardar Sarovar Dam has been raised upto E.L. 90 m. An Action Plan has been finalised by the Narmada Control Authority (NCA) for further raising of the dam beyond 90 m and for implementation of the related rehabilitation and resettlement of the PAFs. The Action Plan, as approved by NCA, is as under :

Height of the Dam	Development of all civic amenities and keeping in readiness developed agricultural land and house plots with core houses at R&R sites and allotment of land and house plot to PAFs by	Completion of construction subject to approval of Narmada Control Authority after getting the clearance of R&R and Environment Sub-groups by
100 m	December, 2001	June, 2002
110 m	December, 2002	June, 2003
121 m	December, 2003	June, 2004
138 m	December, 2004	June, 2005

The Canal Head Power House of the project has been completed in all respects and power generation can commence as soon as the dam is raised upto Minimum Draw Down Level (MDDL) i.e. 110m. The phase-I (0 to 144.5 Kms.) of the Narmada Main Canal, which is off taking from Sardar Sarovar Dam, is complete in all respects. The reach from 144.5 kms. to 263 kms. of the Narmada Main Canal is in advanced stage of construction and the works in the reach 263 kms. to 357 kms have also been commenced.

#### Airports Handling International Flights

91. SHRI DILIPKUMAR MANSUKHLAL GANDHI :  
Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

- (a) the names of the international airports in the country at present, State-wise;
- (b) the names of foreign airlines that are operating flights from each airport;
- (c) whether the Government have decided to upgrade Pune Airport to reduce traffic crowd at Mumbai international airport?
- (d) If so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) At present, there are 12 international airports in the country located at Delhi, Kolkata in West Bengal, Mumbai in Maharashtra, Chennai in Tamil Nadu, Thiruvananthapuram and Cochin in Kerala, Hyderabad in Andhra Pradesh, Ahmedabad in Gujarat, Amritsar in Punjab, Bangalore in Karnataka, Dabolim in Goa and Guwahati in Assam.

(b) The names of foreign airlines operating from these airports are as under : Mumbai and Delhi - Aeroflot, Air France, Air Mauritius, Alitalia, Biman Bangladesh, British Airways, Cathay Pacific, Emirates, Ethiopian Airlines, Gulf Air, Kenya Airways, KLM, Kuwait Airways, Lufthansa, Malaysia Airlines, North West Airlines, Pakistan International Airlines, Royal Jordanian, Royal Nepal, Saudi Arabian, Singapore, Sri Lankan, Swissair, Syrian Arab, Turkmenistan. Besides Air Tanzania, All Nippon, Delta Airlines, Egypt Air, El Al Israel, Eva Airways, Fedex, Iran Air, Kenya, Korea, Oman Air, Qantas, Qatar, South African, United Parcel, Yemenia Yemen also operate from Mumbai and Air Kazakhstan, Air Ukraine,

Armenian, Asiana, Austrian, Chian, Druk-Air, Japan, Kyrgyzstan, Lauda Air, Necon Air, Scandinavian, Thai Airways, United Airlines, Uzbekistan and virgin Atlantic operate from Delhi. Kolkata Airport - Biman Bangladesh, British Airways, Druk-Air, KLM, Lufthansa, Royal Brunei, Royal Jordanian, Royal Nepal, Singapore and Thai Airways. Thiruvananthapuram Airport - Gulf Air, Kuwait Airways, Oman Air, Qatar Airways, Silkair and Sri Lankan. Chennai Airport - Air France, Air Mauritius, Alitalia, British Airways, Cargolux, Emirates, Gulf Air, Kuwait Airways, Lufthansa, Malaysia, Oman Air, Sabena World, Saudi Arabian, Singapore, Sri Lankan and Swissair. Besides, at Hyderabad Malaysian airlines, and Emirates, at Amritsar Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan and at Bangalore Royal Nepal, Malaysian Airlines and Lufthansa operate their international flights. No foreign airline operate their flights at Cochin and Guwahati.

(c) to (e) Pune airport belongs to Indian Air Force and the Airports Authority of India (AAI) only maintains a Civil Enclave at this airport. AAI has no plans at present to upgrade this airport.

#### Maharashtra Water Supply and Sewerage Project Stage-II

92. SHRI CHANDRAKANT KHAIRE :

SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

- (a) whether some proposals regarding Maharashtra Water Supply and Sewerage Project Stage-II (Poshir Dam) have been received from Maharashtra for approval;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with date of receipt;
- (c) whether the Government have accorded approval to the proposals; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Poshir dam project was received in the Ministry in July, 1996 for environmental clearance.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The proposal was considered by the Expert Committee in its meeting held on 24.11.97, 22.5.98 & 3.7.98. A sub group of the committee visited the proposed site in May, 1998. The extent of forest land affected by the project is yet to be delineated. No application has been received for clearance under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

[Translation]

#### **Double Lane of Nasik-Pune NH-50**

93. SHRI UTTAMRAO DHIKALE : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any proposal is under consideration of the Government to double the width of the Nasik-Pune National Highway No.50;

(b) If so, whether there is any proposal for acquisition of land for this purpose; and

(c) If so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) SHRI B.C. KHANDURI) : (a) Yes, Sir. The stretch of NH 50 from Km. 185/0 to 208/669 near Nasik has been identified for four/six laning on BOT basis.

(b) and (c) No land acquisition is required for above four/six laning.

#### **Telecom Facilities**

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

(a) the number and capacity of telephone exchanges functioning in Bolangir region of Orissa at present;

(b) the number of such exchanges lying out of order;

(c) the reasons therefor;

(d) the steps taken by the Government to make them functional;

(e) the number of persons on the waiting list for telephone connection in each exchange in the region at present; and

(f) the time by which the said list is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) As on 30.6.2001, there are 43 numbers of telephone exchanges functioning in Bolangir region of Orissa with equipped capacity of 24680.

(b) and (c) All the exchanges are working satisfactorily except the following 04 exchanges due to prolonged power failure and water logging in the exchange.

(i) Subalaya

(ii) Ullunda

(iii) Mahadevpalli

(iv) Sindurpur

(d) Steps are being taken to revive the exchanges as soon as the power by WESCO (Western Electric Supply Company) is restored and water logging is over.

(e) The waiting list as on 30.6.2001 is 1155. Exchange-wise details are given in the statement attached.

(f) Majority of the waiting list is in rural areas which will be cleared on deployment of WLL in rural network by March, 2002.

#### **Statement**

##### *Exchange-wise details of waiting list*

S.No.	Exchange	Total Waiting List
1	2	3
1.	Agalpur	5
2.	Badmal	20
3.	Bangamunda	120
4.	Beheramal	6
5.	Belgaon	3
6.	Belpara	30
7.	Bhalnsa	0
8.	Binka	84
9.	Birmaharajpur	119

1	2	3
10.	Bolangir	70
11.	BGR-College Sqr.	4
12.	Chanabahal	7
13.	Chandanabhati	14
14.	Chhatamakhana	2
15.	Chudapali	20
16.	Deogaon (Bgr)	1
17.	Dhandamunda	20
18.	Dungripali	10
19.	Gajbandh	20
20.	Gudvela	6
21.	Harisankar Road	65
22.	Jogimunda	7
23.	Kantabanji	20
24.	Khameswaripali	38
25.	Khaprakhol	12
26.	Kholan	15
27.	Loisinga	20
28.	Mahadevpali	12
29.	Mahimunda	23
30.	Muribahl	3
31.	Pantnagrah	11
32.	Saintala	10
33.	Salebhata	30
34.	Sindhekela	18
35.	Sindurpur	30
36.	S. Rampur	49
37.	Sonepur	55

1	2	3
38.	Subalaya	26
39.	Tarbha	32
40.	Titlagarh	10
41.	Turelkela	10
42.	Tusra	10
43.	Ullunda	88
Total		1155

#### Fund for Jharkhand

95. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHAUDHARY : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the amount allocated form the Central Road Fund to Jharkhand State since its creation; and

(b) the details of the works done in the State during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) SHRI B.C. KHANDURI) : (a) A sum of Rs. 6.07 crores has been released out of total accrual of Rs. 18.32 crores during 2000-2001 under the Central Road Fund (CRF) to the Jharkhand State.

(b) As per information with us, no work under CRF has been done so far in the State.

[English]

#### Improvement in Air Links to Khajuraho and Konark

96. SHRI P.D. ELANGO VAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to improve air services for historically important places like Khajuraho, Konark etc; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to improve the air travel facilities both in flight and off the flight?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) Alliance Air has already increased the frequency on the route Delhi-Agra-Khajuraho-Varanasi and back from four days a week to seven days a week. The need of the



travelling public to/from Konark is being met by Indian Airlines services to Bhubaneswar which is in close proximity to Konark. The air service provided by Indian Airlines/Alliance Air to Khajuraho and Bhubaneswar are considered adequate to meet the existing traffic demand. Indian Airlines/Alliance Air operate additional services to meet the occasional increase in the traffic.

(b) The in-flight services have also been improved for B-737 aircraft which includes refurbishment of Cabin interior.

#### **Scheme for Pensioners**

97. SHRI DALPAT SINGH PARSTE : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have launched a new scheme to redress the problems of pensioners residing in far flung areas where banking facilities are not available;

(b) If so, whether the ex-employees of State Governments/Central Government are also covered under this scheme; and

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the Departments and other offices likely to be covered under this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL) : (a) Employees' Provident Fund Organisation has entered into an arrangement with the Department of Posts to disburse pension through Sub-Post Offices to the pensioners drawing pension under the Employees Pension Scheme, 1995 framed under EPF & MP Act, 1952. The pensioners under Employees' Pension Scheme, 1995 can draw pension through any of the 26000 Head Post Offices/Sub-Post Offices, which is in addition to existing disbursement arrangement through the designated banks. The new scheme was operationalised w.e.f. 1.7.2001.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

[Translation]

#### **Development of Airports in Bihar**

98. SHRI RAJO SINGH : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the airports development projects initiated in Bihar in the beginning of the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(b) whether work on these projects is being undertaken as per the prescribed schedule;

(c) if so, the details of projects that have been completed/under completion and those which are likely to be completed within the prescribed time schedule of the project;

(d) the project-wise details of the total amount approved till date; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government to complete these projects in time?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) to (d) At Patna Airport, Airports Authority of India had taken up expansion/modification of terminal building, expansion of apron and construction of new link-taxi-track at an estimated cost of Rs. 10.30 crores in 1993 and the work has been completed in January 1999. At Gaya Airport, the work relating to strengthening of runway, expansion and strengthening of apron and allied works at an estimated cost of Rs. 15.00 crores was taken up in September 2000 and the work is likely to be completed in November, 2001. Construction of operational boundary wall at an estimated cost of Rs. 2.45 crores was taken up in August, 2000 and is likely to be completed by September, 2001. There are plans to undertake works relating to construction of new terminal building, car park area and allied works at the cost of Rs. 17.00 crores.

(e) Close monitoring of the projects is being carried out for timely completion of the projects.

#### **Issue of O.B**

99. SHRIMATI SUSHILA SAROJ : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether O.B. is issued on the day of booking of a new telephone connection in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar;

(b) If so, the number of the O.B. issued and the number of new telephone connections out of the total provided in those States during the last six months;

(c) the reasons for delay in clearing the pending telephone connections; and

(d) the time by which the telephone connections are likely to be provided?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

### Setting up of new Airports

100. SHRI DINSHA PATEL : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to open some new airports in the country;

(b) If so, whether any study has been conducted by the Government to identify the places; and

(c) If so, the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Government of India has accorded 'in principle' approval for construction of greenfield international airports with private sector participation at Bangalore (Devanahalli) in Karnataka, Hyderabad (Shamsabad) in Andhra Pradesh and Mopa in Goa based on the proposals by the respective State Governments. The respective State Governments are in the process of finalising the private sector Joint Venture partners for implementing the projects.

### Providing of National Award

101. SHRI SUNIL KHAN : Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National award like Padmashree and Padmabhusan are given to those who are the best of the lot of their performances; and

(b) if so, the name of Jotirmayee Sikdar having the best performances in the Asian Games in 1999-2000 is considered for the National award?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (KUMARI UMA BHARATI) : (a) and (b) Padma Awards, viz. Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri are given, on the recommendations of the Padma Awards Committee, for exceptional and distinguished service, distinguished service of a high order and distinguished service, respectively, in any field. Padma Awards are normally given for a life time achievement. The Padma Awards Committee considers the recommendations received in the Ministry of Home Affairs from State/Union Territory Governments, Ministries/Departments of the Central Government, organisations, institutions or any individual. Since no recommendation in favour of Ms. Jyotirmayee Sikdar was received for the Padma Awards announced on the eve of the Republic Day 2000 and 2001, the Awards Committee had no occasion for considering her name.

### Expenditure on Telephones

102. SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the expenditure on telephone with STD/ISD facility provided to officers in the various Ministries/Departments of the Government of India have shown abnormal increase over the period of time; and

(b) if so, the concrete steps taken by the Government to check the misuse of this facility and resultant wasteful expenditure thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) and (b) The information regarding expenditure on telephones with STD/ISD facility provide to officer of different Ministries/Departments is available only with respective Ministries/Departments. Telephones provided to officers of Department of Telecom for their official use for rendering service are not billed.

[Translation]

### Permission for Developmental works of Himachal Pradesh

103. SHRI MAHESHWAR SINGH : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether several developmental works are getting delayed because of inordinate delay by Chandigarh based office in granting approval to proposals forwarded by the Government of Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government have prescribed any time-limit for disposal of such cases;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the time-limit is being adhered to by the Chandigarh based office of the Ministry; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) Details regarding the number of cases received from Himachal Pradesh for clearance under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, the number of cases approved, rejected, closed, withdrawn and the number of cases pending with the State Government and the Central Government are given in the statement.

(b) and (c) Guidelines framed under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, stipulate that the State Government and the Central Government process the cases submitted to them within a period of 60 days and 90 days respectively;

(d) and (e) Every effort is made by Regional Office Chandigarh to stick to the guidelines but instances of delay in disposal of cases on account of large number of cases, are there.

**Statement*****Status of proposals received from Himachal Pradesh (0-20 ha) in the Regional Office, Chandigarh under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980***

No. of proposal received	No. of proposal approved	No. of proposal rejected	No. of proposal closed	No. of proposal withdrawn	No. of proposal pending with Cenral Govt.	No. of proposal pending with State Govt.
549	332	27	90	21	5	74

**Inclusion of Sports in Concurrent List**

104. SHRI JAI PRAKASH : Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to include sports in the Concurrent List of the Constitution in order to encourage sports in the country;

(b) if so, the time by which the Government would announce its decision in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PON RADHA-KRISHNAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is not possible to indicate a time limit.

(c) Does not arise.

[English]

**ESI Hospitals in Kerala**

105. SHRI T. GOVINDAN : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received any proposal to start expand ESI hospital in Kerala, especially in Ksaragod, Kannur districts; and

(b) if so, the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL) : (a) and (b) The proposals to set up an Occupational Disease Centre at Kozhikode and a Super-speciality Centre at ESI Hospital, Asaramam have been received from the Govt. of Kerala. Besides this, proposals for upgradation and modernisation of ESI Hospitals and Dispensaries have also been received. The ESIC has

sanctioned a sum of Rs. 98.76 lakh for upgradation and modernisation of all the ESI hospitals and Dispensaries of Kerala, including ESI Hospital Thotada (Kannur).

**National Highway from Bidar to Srirangapatnam**

106. SHRI IQBAL AHMED SARADGI : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Highway from Bidar to Srirangapatnam via Gulbarga in Karnataka has been approved;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the allocation made to this project; and

(d) the time by which the work on this National Highway is likely to be started and completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) SHRI B.C. KHANDURI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

**Flood Control in Assam**

107. SHRI M.K. SUBBA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether despite large-scale devastation caused by the flood in Assam year after years as many as 79 beaches in the embankments of Brahmaputra remained to the plugged as on May 31, 2001;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor indicating the devastations caused during last three years;

(c) whether the matter was brought to the notice of the Union Government in time; and

(d) If so, the reactions of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY):

(a) to (d) As per the Constitution, the primary responsibility of planning, design, execution, funding and maintenance of all types of irrigation works including flood control and drainage rests with the concerned State Government. The assistance as being rendered by the Central Government are technical, catalytical and promotional in nature. The State Government of Assam has intimated that 65 nos. of breaches and 14 nos. of cut, in total 79 nos. of gaps in embankments remained open as on 31.5.2001.

Further, as per information available from the State Government, the details of flood damage in the State of Assam for last three years are as under :-

Sl.No.	Description	1998	1999	2000
1.	Area affected (Million ha.)	1.324	0.223	0.966
2.	Population affected (Million)	6.957	0.891	3.888
3.	Damage to crop			
	a) Area (Million ha.)	0.478	0.059	0.322
	b) Value (Rs. in Crore)	463.304	50.461	173.520
4.	Damage to Houses			
	a) Nos.	220436	133	55014
	b) Value (Rs. in Crore)	33.646	1.499	16.484
5.	Cattle lost (Nos.)	86224	992	19988
6.	Human lives lost (Nos.)	125	3	36
7.	Damage to public utilities (Rs. in crore)	82.957	2.190	54.063
8.	Total damages crops, houses and public utilities (Rs. in crore) (Sl. No. 3b+4b+7)	579.907	54.150	244.067

#### Telephone Rent

108. SHRI N.N. KRISHNADAS :

SHRI GEORGE EDEN :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has taken a decision to collect telephone rent from the subscribers three months in advance;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether any such cases have been noticed in some telecom circles in the country particularly in Kerala;

(d) If so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) to (e) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) took a decision in March, 2001 to start levying rental in advance rather than in arrears w.e.f. May, 2001. A detailed order was accordingly issued to its units on 23.3.2001. Since the prevailing billing was in arrears, the first bill of May, 2001 included the usual rental for March and April, 2001 (in arrears), current rental for May, 2001 and advance rental for June and July, 2001. Thus the bill covered rental for a total period of five months. After this, the bi-monthly advance rental system would have stabilized. However, as several subscribers from different Circles including Kerala expressed difficulty in paying rental for five months in one go, the order prescribing introduction of advance rental scheme was subsequently cancelled on 31.5.2001.

#### Consumer Protection Forum

109. SHRI AMAR ROY PRADHAN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of disputes relating to cases of telephone bills pending with Consumer Protection Forum as on date, State-wise;

(b) the estimated loss suffered by the Government on this account; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to settle these cases at the earliest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

#### Completion of Cochin-Madurai National Highway

110. SHRI GEORGE EDEN : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have any action plan for the completion of Cochin-Madurai National Highway;

- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) the time by which the land for the Cochin-Madurai National Highway is likely to be acquired; and
- (d) the total amount earmarked for that project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) SHRI B.C. KHANDURI) : (a) and (b) Development and maintenance of National Highways is a continuous process and the works are taken up in a phased manner depending upon traffic intensity, inter-se priority and availability of funds. For development of this National Highway at present 6 numbers of works amounting to about Rs. 5.60 Crore in Kerala portion and 2 works amounting to Rs. 4.68 Crore in Tamil Nadu portion are in different stages of progress. During the current year 2 improvement works amounting to Rs. 3.80 Crore have recently been sanctioned in Tamil Nadu portion. For Kerala portion the Annual Plan 2001-2002 also includes for different improvement works for this National Highway amounting to Rs. 13.00 Crore.

(c) At present, there is no proposal for sanction for acquisition of land in this National Highway due to constraints of funds. It is, therefore, too early to indicate the time frame for completion of the land acquisition.

(d) Does not arise.

#### **Modernisation of Telecom Factories**

111. SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the telecom factories are producing equipments of old technology in spite of the revolution in the information technology and communications;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government propose to modernize these factories;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the expenditure to be incurred thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) The choice of products manufactured at the Telecom Factories, the captive production units of erstwhile Department of Telecom, now Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL), has traditionally been determined by the internal requirements of the organization. The product-profile has undergone changes from time to time,

in keeping with the changing requirements of the organization. Over the years, a number of new technology products have also been productionized and utilized in the telecom network in the country. The product-range is under constant review and old-technology products, which outlive their utility, are phased out by and by.

(b) Does not arise in view of answer to (a) above.

(c) The need for modernization of these Factories, and their product-profile, in view of the changing requirements of the organisation and in the rapidly unfolding telecom environment, is well recognized.

(d) Production of Permanently Lubricated High Density Poly Ethylene Ducts, Optical Fiber Cable and Optical Fibre Cable Accessories is under consideration. The first two mentioned being high technology products, their manufacture will require state-of-the-art plant and machinery.

(e) The expenditure on the proposed projects, if approved, will be around Rs. 60 crores.

#### **Polluting Slaughter Houses**

112. DR. RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

- (a) whether lacs of industrial units have either been closed or shifted due to pollution on account of Supreme Court orders;
- (b) if so, whether a large number of authorised/unauthorised slaughter houses are seriously polluting water, land and air in the country;
- (c) if so, the norms fixed for disposal of rejected body parts; and
- (d) the measures taken or being taken to close down these slaughter houses for failure to comply with statutory rules?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) to (d) Some of the industrial units falling under the categories of hazardous/polluting units including slaughter houses especially in Delhi/Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu & West Bengal were closed down/shifted as per the directives of the Courts. However, a few such units have been allowed to be re-commissioned after the installation of necessary pollution control devices as per the Court's directives.

Environmental norms/guidelines have been prescribed under the Environment (Protection) Act, and the slaughter

houses are required to follow these norms/guidelines. Legal action has been initiated by the regulatory agencies against the defaulting units.

### **Flight on Vijayawada-Delhi Sector**

113. PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

- (a) whether any survey has been conducted for starting a flight on Vijayawada-Delhi sector;
- (b) If so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which flight between Vijayawada-Delhi is likely to be commenced?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Jet Airways has conducted a survey on the Hyderabad-Vijayawada-Hyderabad route. Due to low traffic potential and other operational constraints, Jet Airways are unable to operate on the Vijayawada-Hyderabad-Delhi sector. Only Dornier DO 228 aircraft in Indian Airlines fleet is capable of operation to Vijayawada. The Dornier fleet is already fully deployed in operation of services to/from Agatti and stations in Northern region.

However, Airlines are free to operate on any route based on their commercial judgement subject, of course, to compliance with the route dispersal guidelines issued by the Government which provide for certain minimum operations in specified category of routes.

### **ESI Hospitals in Andhra Pradesh**

114. SHRI A. BRAHMANAIAH : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

- (a) whether there is any proposal to set up super speciality hospital by ESIC in Vijayawada to serve the four coastal districts of Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the time by which the same is likely to be done;
- (c) whether any survey has been conducted for the need of such a super speciality hospital by the ESIC for coastal areas of Andhra Pradesh; and
- (d) the total amount likely to be incurred alongwith the number of beds to be made available in the said hospital?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL) : (a) No, Sir.

- (b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Need based requirements of setting up of a speciality/super speciality hospitals are sent by the State Govt. No proposal has been received from Govt. of Andhra Pradesh for setting up of a speciality/super speciality hospital in Vijayawada.

### **National Frequency Allocation Plan**

115. SHRI ASHOK N. MOHOL :

SHRI RAMSHETH THAKUR :

SHRI A. VENKATESH NAIK :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the Government have set up any Committee to review the National Frequency Allocation Plan (NFAP), 2000;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the Committee is likely to submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Committee, comprising of representatives from government and private sectors and Telecom Regulatory Authority of India, has been established to review the National Frequency Allocation Plan (NFAP)-2000. Proposals have been invited from all interested entities in the government and private sector for consideration by the Committee to review NFAP-2000 in line with Radio Regulations of the International Telecommunication Union.

- (c) The Committee is likely to submit its report in October, 2001.

### **Contracts for Duty Free Shops**

116. SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHARA MURTHY :

SHRI NARESH PUGLIA :

SHRI T.M. SELVAGANPATHI :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the Airports Authority of India (AAI)

have awarded contracts for duty free shops during the past three years;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether the AAI have been losing crores of rupees per year on awarding of such contracts to parties which have no sufficient experience in the field;

(d) If so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(e) the remedial steps taken by the AAI in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) and (b) In respect of Existing Duty Free Shops covering an area of 1660.64 sqm. at Mumbai, Delhi, Chennai, Kolkata and Thiruvananthapuram Airports, fresh contracts have been awarded in December, 2000 for a period of 5 years from 1.1.2001 to India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC) against total licence fee of US \$ 40,143,270.85 (Rs. 188.07 crores approx.). In respect of Additional Duty Free Shops covering an area of 1734.65 sqm. at above airports, contract has been offered in May, 2001 to ITDC for a period of 5 years against the licence fee of US \$ 18,316,782.84 (Rs. 79.458 crores approx.). The acceptance of the award by ITDC is still awaited.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

[Translation]

#### Installation of Effluent Treatment Plants

117. SHRI THAWAR CHAND GEHLOT : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have made the installation of effluent treatment plant compulsory for all the industrial units in the country;

(b) If not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether due to non-functioning of the said plants in various industrial units in the country major rivers are being polluted; and

(d) If so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) and (b) All the industries are required to provide necessary facilities to treat their effluent to the prescribed standards.

(c) and (d) The steps taken by the Government to check pollution in major rivers in the country include the following :-

- Industries located on banks of rivers and or discharging wastewater through drains into rivers have been persuaded to set up requisite pollution control facilities to meet the discharge standards. Seventeen categories of heavily polluting industries have been identified for effective monitoring for abatement of pollution. Out of a total number of 1551 units belonging to the 17 categories of highly polluting industries, 1348 industries have already installed adequate facilities for pollution control to comply with the stipulated standards, 176 units have been closed down, whereas 27 units do not have adequate facilities to comply with the prescribed standards. Legal action has been taken by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) and the concerned State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs) against the defaulting units.
- The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) and the State Pollution Control Boards/Pollution Control Committees are regularly monitoring the status of pollution control in the 17 categories of industries.
- Effluent and Emission Standards have been notified under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 for about 80 categories of industries. Besides, standards for ambient air and water quality have also been notified. These standards need to be complied with by the industry.

[English]

#### Revised National Water Policy

118. SHRI A.P. JITHENDER REDDY :

SHRI DALPAT SINGH PARSTE :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the State Governments are following the Revised National Water Policy;

(b) If so, whether State Governments have constituted any Committee/Board to ensure follow up action on the National Water Policy with specific reference to Andhra Pradesh;

(c) If not, the States which have not constituted Committee/Boards so far; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY):

(a) to (d) The National Water Policy, 1987, adopted by the National Water Resources Council (NWRC) headed by the Prime Minister with all the Chief Ministers as its members, was circulated to all the Central Ministries and the State Governments / Union Territories for necessary action. A draft of the Revised National Water Policy has been prepared. However, the same is yet to be adopted by NWRC. National Water Board was constituted in September, 1990 with Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources, as Chairman and Chief Secretaries of all the States/UTs, etc. as members in order to review the progress of implementation of the National Water Policy for reporting to the NWRC. The Board has so far held ten regular meetings and one special meeting.

States/UTs have reported the progress of implementation of the National Water Policy from time to time in the various meetings of the National Water Board. According to this, the State Governments of Kerala, Orissa, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh have framed their own State Water Policy, based on the National Water Policy (1987). The Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh are in the process of preparing the State Water Policy. The Government of Tamil Nadu has constituted a Water Resource Control and Review Council and has framed the State Water Policy, which has since been adopted by the State Government. The Governments of Gujarat, Mizoram, Lakshadweep, Bihar and Orissa have set up committees for the implementation of the Policy in their States. The Governments of Arunachal Pradesh, Daman and Diu, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Maharashtra, Haryana, Bihar, Meghalaya, Rajasthan, Nagaland, Mizoram, Andhra Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka and Pondicherry are also taking action to implement the policy. The Government of Himachal Pradesh is following the National Water Policy and as such a separate State Water Policy is not being framed. The Government of Madhya Pradesh has taken up preparation of perspective plans for each river basin. The Government of Goa has prepared a master plan for water resources development. The Government of Mizoram has constituted the Mizoram Water Resources Council for laying down the State Water Policy.

[Translation]

#### Prepaid Card Scheme

119. SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the prepaid card scheme is continuing under the cellular telephone service by Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL);

(b) if so, the details of the value alongwith the duration and validity of these cards;

(c) the rate of call charges per minute and the pulse rate in seconds in these prepaid cards;

(d) whether the Government propose to direct all the cellular operators operating in Delhi and Mumbai to provide roaming facility in the prepaid cards to the subscribers;

(e) if so, the time by which said facility is likely to be provided; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) No, Sir. It has not yet been introduced.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) Not applicable.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) and (f) Does not arise.

[English]

#### Losses to Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited

120. SHRI N. JANARDHANA REDDY :

SHRIMATI SHYAMA SINGH :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has suffered losses of crores of rupees on account of the existing international long distance revenue sharing arrangements with private basic operators;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof; and

(c) the remedial measures taken by the Government to check such losses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The present revenue sharing arrangement for the international long distance calls oriented from the network of



private basic operators has resulted in huge losses to BSNL as their cost of further carriage of traffic is much more than the revenue share they get. This aspect has been brought to the notice of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) and also with private operators by BSNL to revise the revenue sharing arrangement in a way which is fair, just and equitable. The private basic service operators, however, have not agreed to it and have taken up the matter with Telecom disputes and Appellate Tribunal (TDSAT).

[Translation]

#### **Telephone Registration Fee**

121. SHRI PUNNU LAL MOHALE :

SHRI P. R. KHUNTE :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to do away with the telephone registration fee in the rural areas;

(b) If so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) to (c) Sir, a decision has been taken by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited, a State owned telecom service provider, to dispense with payment of registration charges in all areas, whether rural or urban, where telephone is available "On Demand". In such areas, on receipt of request for a telephone connection, a Demand Note is issued to the customer for payment of installation charges. As soon as installation charges are paid by the customer, OB is issued for installation of the phone. 'Security Deposit' is to be charged in the first bill issued to the subscriber.

#### **Losses Due to Negligence of Air India Officials**

122. SHRI SUNDER LAL TIWARI :

SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn towards the news-item captioned "Adhikariyon Ki Adoordarshita Se Air India Ko 325 crore Ke Chapat" published in 'Rashtriya Sahara' dated June 2, 2001;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) the officers that have been found guilty for it; and

(d) the action being taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) At the request of the Ministry of Civil Aviation, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has registered a Preliminary Enquiry in this regard against the officials of Air India associated with the Wet-lease deal including the then Managing Directors of Air India and the Managing Director of M/s Caribjet. The main allegations being enquired into are :-

- Terms offered to M/s Caribjet by Air India were more favourable than those offered in 1994.
- Non-inclusion of termination clause.
- Whether the termination was warranted.
- Circumstances leading to termination.
- Whether adequate efforts were made to protect the commercial interests of Air India, while terminating the agreement.
- Whether adequate efforts were made to protect commercial interests of Air India in the arbitration proceedings.
- Any other related issue that may crop up during investigations.

(d) It is only after the CBI submits its report the further action will be taken against the erring officials.

[English]

#### **Tender for Managed Leased Line Data Network**

123. MOHD. SHAHABUDDIN :

SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) has invited tender for Managed Leased Line Data Network (MLDN) as reported in the 'Indian Express' dated March 2, 2001;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government have set up a Technical Evaluation Committee to examine various MLDN bids; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof and action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) Yes, Sir. MTNL has invited a tender for Managed Leased Line Data Network (MLDN) vide Tender enquiry No. NTNL/20-80 (304)/2000-MM/MLDN dated 19.06.2000.

(b) and (c) Government has not set up any Technical Evaluation committee for Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL)'s Managed Leased Line Data Network (MLDN) tender.

(d) Does not arise.

#### **New Civil Aviation Policy**

124. SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a need to introduce a New Civil Aviation Policy;

(b) if so, whether the New Civil Aviation Policy has been drafted;

(c) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(d) if not, the expected date by which the New Civil Aviation Policy is likely to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The draft Civil Aviation Policy which is being finalised, seeks to set up a policy framework to provide safe, efficient, reliable and widespread high quality air transport services at reasonable prices in the country. The policy, inter-alia, seeks to encourage small (turbo-prop) aircraft operation to cover smaller and non-metro cities. The draft policy has been widely circulated for views/comments before finalisation.

#### **Wage Settlement**

125. SHRI NARESH PUGLIA : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether a wage settlement for cement workers was made on August 14, 2000;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof;

(c) whether this national level wage settlement was to be implemented by all the cement companies in the country by October 15, 2000;

(d) if so, the names of cement companies which have not implemented this wage settlement and the reasons therefor;

(e) whether a delegation of A.C.C. cement workers met the Joint Chief Labour Commissioner (Central) in New Delhi in April and May, 2001 in this connection; and

(f) if so, the steps taken by the Union Government to get this national level wage settlement for cement workers implemented in the cement factories of A.C.C.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The salient features are as under :

(i) Increase in basic wages;

(ii) Revision in rate of increments;

(iii) Period of operation of the settlement 4 years from 1-4-2000.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The office of CLC(C) received complaints of non-implementation of settlement in respect of 4 establishments of Associated Cement Company Ltd. viz., (1) ACC Wadi in Karnataka, (2) ACC Chandrapur in Maharashtra, (3) ACC Gagai in Himachal Pradesh, (4) ACC Madukkarai in Tamil Nadu, (5) Mysore Cement Ltd. in Karnataka and (6) Satna Cement Steel Foundry Ltd., Satna (M.P.).

(e) The representatives of trade unions operating in establishments of Wadi (Karnataka), Chandrapur (Maharashtra), Gagai (Himachal Pradesh) and Madukkarai (Tamil Nadu) came to the office of Chief Labour Commissioner (Central) and submitted their representation before the Dy. C.L.C.(C) for necessary action.

(f) Conciliation proceedings have been held in the office of the CLC(C) and failure of conciliation, report have been submitted to the appropriate Government under the ID Act whenever conciliation proceedings have been concluded.

[Translation]

#### **Road/Over Bridge Projects in Bihar**

126. SHRI RAJESH RANJAN ALIAS PAPPU YADAV : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of road and over bridge projects in

Bihar assigned to the private companies during the last three years;

(b) the total allocation made for these projects and the number of projects pending at present; and

(c) the criteria adopted for assigning these projects to the private companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) SHRI B.C. KHANDURI) : (a) This Ministry is primarily responsible for National Highways, and other roads are the responsibility of State Government. No road and over bridge projects on National Highways in Bihar have been taken up through participation of the private companies i.e. on BOT basis during the last three years.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

[English]

#### **Modernisation of EPF Organisation/Scheme**

127. SHRI T.M. SELVAGANPATHI :

SHRI G.J. JAVIYA :

SHRI K.E. KRISHNAMURTHY :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to modernise E.P.F. Organisation/scheme and contemplating to introduce Smart Card for EPF beneficiaries all over the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the same is likely to be done;

(c) the States in which modernisation/smart card scheme is likely to be introduced at the first level;

(d) whether the old age income security protection is available at present only to 10 percent of the estimated working class population; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by the Government to bridge the huge gap?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL) : (a) and (b) Employees Provident Fund Organisation has proposed to modernise its organisation/schemes. It involves reengineering of the

existing work process, re-tooling of accounting systems and setting up of information technology/computer enabled system through networking of the offices of Employees Provident Fund Organisation. It also envisage providing all services to every member from any EPF location on a real-time basis.

(c) The first phase of the modernisation programme involves setting up of pilot centres at the following locations :-

West Zone	-	Madhya Pradesh & Rajasthan
East Zone	-	Bihar
North Zone	-	Haryana
South Zone	-	Hyderabad & Mangalore

(d) As on 31.3.2001, there are 259.7 lakh members of the fund and 9.37 lakh pensioners.

(e) Performance monitoring system support enrollment of additional eligible workers within the frame work of EPF & MP Act, 1952.

[Translation]

#### **Shifting of Polluting Industrial Units**

128. SHRI MANSUKHBHAI D. VASAVA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether State Pollution Boards have issued notices to industrial units in major cities instructing them to shift their units elsewhere;

(b) If so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the details of those units which have been shifted during the last three years, location-wise;

(d) whether any time bound action plan has been prepared to shift the polluting industrial units; and

(e) If so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) to (c) No notice was issued by the State Pollution Control Boards for shifting of industrial units from major cities except in case of those units where the directives were issued by the Courts. The State-wise details of shifting of industries during the last 3 years are as follows :

State	No. of Industrial Units
1. Delhi	967 water polluting industries have been shifted from residential areas to Narela & Badli complexes and 5619 other polluting industries have been allotted plots in Bawana & Badli.
2. Karnataka	5 industrial units have been shifted.
3. Orissa	One industry has been directed for shifting.
4. Pondicherry	One industry has been directed for shifting.
5. West Bengal	Shifting of 500 tanneries to an integrated leather complex is under progress as per the orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court.

(d) and (e) According to the information available from the concerned State Pollution Control Board, no time bound action-plan for shifting of industrial units has been envisaged except in case of NCT of Delhi and West Bengal as per the orders of the Supreme Court.

*[Translation]*

**Recognition to the Zoos as Autonomous Bodies**

129. SHRIMATI RENU KUMARI : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have decided to grant recognition to the Zoos in the country as autonomous bodies;

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

(c) the time by which the said decision is likely to take effect?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) to (c) Central Zoo Authority grants recognition to zoos owned by Government, autonomous bodies, public sector undertakings and private individuals subject to the fulfilment of norms and conditions prescribed under Recognition of Zoo Rules, 1992. Following zoos in the country are run by autonomous bodies :-

1. Alipore Zoological Park, Kolkata, West Bengal.
2. Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling, West Bengal.
3. Prince of Wales Zoological Garden, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.

*[English]*

**Ground Handling Services**

130. SHRI CHANDRA BHUSHAN SINGH :

SHRI P. RAJENDRAN :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have taken any decision to allow private companies to enter ground handling services at the major international airports in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the major international airports identified for the purpose; and

(c) the areas identified by the Government for the private companies for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) to (c) Ground Handling Services are being provided by a private company for quite some time besides the national carriers and self-handling by airlines. However, subsequent to the new Airports Authority of India (General Management, Entry for Ground Handling Services) Regulations, 2000, Airports Authority of India have initiated the process of selection of companies for providing ground handling services in a competitive and efficient manner at Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport, Mumbai, Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport, Kolkata, Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel International Airport, Ahmedabad, Chennai International Airport, Thiruvananthapuram International Airport, Bangalore International Airport, Hyderabad International Airport, and Goa International Airport.

**Basic Service Operators**

131. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the government have formulated any specific plan for the basic service operators in rural areas seeking to use wireless-in-local-loop (WLL) technology;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the reasons for not fixing a lower tariff/rental for WLL rural areas as in the case of other land-line monthly rentals; and

(d) the number of WLL connections working at present in urban and rural areas respectively, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Basic Service Operators are free to plan provision of Village Public Telephones and Direct Exchange Lines in rural areas by using Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) technology systems. Further, Government has also permitted the usage of hand-held telephone sets by subscribers of Basic Telephone Service providers on WLL technology systems in subscriber access network within local areas of Tehsils.

(c) For WLL (Fixed), the rental and call charges are same as the rental and call charges for other land line phones in the rural areas. The rental for WLL (Fixed) and other landline phones is already substantially below cost. The rental for hand held subscriber terminal in Wireless in Local Loop systems is cost based.

(d) The information regarding the number of WLL connections working at present in various service areas, State-wise, is enclosed in the given statement.

#### Statement

##### *Details of State-wise connections working on WLL*

State	Name of the service provider	No. of WLL connections
Andhra Pradesh	M/s Tata Teleservices Ltd.	38310
Madhya Pradesh	M/s Bharti Telenet Ltd.	32812
	M/s Bharat Sanchar Niigam Ltd.	41
Punjab	M/s HFCL Infotel Ltd.	12313
Bihar	M/s Bharat Sanchar Niigam Ltd.	396
Himachal Pradesh	M/s Bharat Sanchar Niigam Ltd.	112
Uttar Pradesh (East)	M/s Bharat Sanchar Niigam Ltd.	482
Gujarat	M/s Reliance Telecom Pvt. Ltd.	Nil
	M/s Bharat Sanchar Niigam Ltd.	1468
Maharashtra	M/s Hughes Tele com India Ltd.	41977
	M/s Bharat Sanchar Niigam Ltd.	43
Rajasthan	M/s Shyam Telelink Ltd.	7130
Haryana	M/s Bharat Sanchar Niigam Ltd.	439

#### Landing Facility at Visakhapatnam

132. SHRI A. NARENDRA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to start more air and air cargo services apart from night landing facilities at the Visakhapatnam airport;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) to (c) The Airport at Visakhapatnam belongs to Indian Navy and is suitable for fair weather operations only due to hilly terrain in the vicinity. At present, Indian Airlines is operating a four times weekly service connecting Delhi - Bhubneshwar - Vizag - Chennai and Vice Versa. A daily service connecting Mumbai - Hyderabad - Vizag and Vice Versa and a twice weekly service connecting Chennai - Vizag - Kolkata and Vice Versa are also being operated by Indian Airlines. However, any airline is free to operate to any route and connect any place as per its commercial judgement subject to compliance with the Route Dispersal Guidelines.

[Translation]

#### Telephone Facility in Villages in Bihar

133. SHRI NIKHIL KUMAR CHOUDHARY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of villages having telephone facility in Bihar as on date, district-wise; and

(b) the number of villages where said facility proposed to be provided during 2001-2002, location-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) and (b) The required information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

#### Settlement of P.F. Claims

134. SHRI RAM MOHAN GADDE :

SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHI :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have prepared a comprehensive plan titled "Re-inventing EPF-India" for quick settlement of PF claims;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) the extent to which it would be useful for workers; and

(d) the time by which it is likely to come in force?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL) : (a) and (b) The modernisation programme proposed by Employees Provident Fund Organisation involves reengineering of the existing work process, re-tooling of accounting system and setting up of information technology/computer enabled system through networking of the offices of Employees Provident Fund Organisation. It envisages providing all services to every member from any EPF location on a real-time basis.

(c) This modernisation programme is to enable the subscriber to access his account balance and file his claim from any of the Offices of the EPFO as against the present system which limits him to only one office where he is registered and to reduce the time between receipt of claim to issue of a cheque to 2-3 days as against the present stipulated time of 30 days.

(d) The first phase of the modernisation programme involves setting up of pilot centres in six locations covering all four zones is proposed to be made operational in a time span of 24 months.

#### Death of Animals and Birds

135. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY :

SHRI DALPAT SINGH PARSTI :

SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE :

SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL :

SHRI J.S. BRAR :

SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA :

SHRI MOHAN RAWALE :

SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA :

SHRI ANANTA NAYAK :

SHRI BIJOY HANDIQUE :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) the latest census records of important wild animals in the country, State/Sanctuary-wise;

(b) the increase/decrease recorded in their population for the last three consecutive census;

(c) whether a large number of wild animals like tigers, tigresses, bears, rhinos, elephants and birds have been killed or died during the last three years and as on date;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, Category-wise and National Zoological Park/ Sanctuary/Reserve-wise;

(e) the outcome of inquiries conducted, if any, and the action taken by the Government in each of the incidents;

(f) the steps taken for their conservation and protection;

(g) whether any nexus has been noticed between the officials and the poachers/smugglers/foreign agents in regard to illegal trade of animals' parts; and

(h) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) and (b) Estimated population of important species of wild animals for the last three consecutive census is given in statement-I.

(c) and (d) Number of deaths of tigers, bears, rhinos and birds in National Zoological Park for the last three years is as follows :

Sl.No.	Year	Tiger	Bear	Rhino	Birds	Total
1	1998-99	Nil	Nil	1	36	37
2	1999-00	Nil	2	Nil	36	38
3	2000-01	7	1	2	35	45

State-wise poaching and seizure cases in respect of tigers and elephants are given in statement-II. Cases of poaching and natural death of rhinos, national parks and sanctuary-wise are given in statement-III. Reported cases of poaching and seizure of bears parts are insignificant. The data regarding death of birds is also not collated and compiled at the level of Union Government. However, 388 deaths of peacocks and 12 deaths of saras have been reported from different parts of the country during the last three years.

(e) The responsibility of detection, investigation and prosecution of the offenders in poaching cases lies with the State Governments. A few important cases have been handed over to the Central Bureau of Investigation for

investigation. The details of these cases and the action taken are as follows :

- (i) Seizure of 3 nos. of tiger skins, 50 nos. of leopard skins and 5 nos. of otter skins at Sahibabad, Uttar Pradesh border on 18.12.1999. The investigation has been completed and the complaint has been filed.
- (ii) Seizure of 4 nos. of tiger skins, 70 nos. of leopard skins, 18000 nos. of leopard claws, 132 nos. of tiger claws and 221 nos. of black buck skins at Khaga on 12.1.2000. The investigation has been completed and the complaint has been filed.
- (iii) Seizure of 50 nos. of leopard skins at Haldwani on 6.5.2000. The investigation is in progress.
- (iv) Seizure of 30 nos. of leopard skins at Haldwani on 21.5.2000. The investigation is in progress.

(v) Central Bureau of Investigation seized 70 shawls in Delhi on 2.2.2001. Of these 26 are pure Shahtoosh shawls and 44 are suspected. Investigation in this regard is in progress.

(vi) Central Bureau of Investigation has seized 1 nos. of tiger skin, 5 nos. of tiger skulls, 10 nos. of claws, 23 Kgs. of tiger bones, 3 nos. of tiger teeth and 4 nos. of leopard skins at Nagpur on 21.3.2001. Investigation in this regard is in progress.

(f) The steps taken by the Government for conservation and protection of animals and birds in sanctuaries and reserves are given in statement-IV.

(g) There is no conclusive evidence of collusion of Government agencies in poaching during the recent past.

(h) Does not arise.

#### Statement-I

#### *Population Census of Important Wild Animals*

#### *State-wise details*

Sl. No.	Name of State	Tiger			Leopard			Lion			Elephant			Rhino			
		1989	1993	1997	1989	1993	1997	1990	1995	2000	1989	1993	1997	1989	1993	1998/99	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
1.	Andhra Pradesh	235	197	171	301	152	138				NII	1900	46	57		NII	
2.	Arunachal Pradesh*	135	180	180	121	98	98*				NII	3150	2500	2102		NII	
3.	Assam	376	325	458	123	246	246*				NII	3500	5500	5312	**1519	1440	1684
4.	Bihar/Jharkhand	157	137	103	134	203	203*				NII	335	550	618		NII	
5.	Goa/Daman & Diu	2	3	6	18	31	25				NII			NII		NII	
6.	Gujarat	9	5	1	702	772	832	284	304	310-320				NII		NII	
7.	Haryana*	NII	NII	NII	19	25	25*				NII			NII		NII	
8.	Himachal Pradesh*	NII	NII	NII	199	821	821*				NII			NII		NII	
9.	Karnataka*	257	305	350	283	455	NII				NII	2425	5500	6088		NII	

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
10.	Kerala	45	57	73	27	16	16*			NII	2500	3500	5737			NII
11.	M.P/ Chhattisgarh	985	912	927	2036	1700	1851			NII			NII			NII
12.	Maharashtra	417	276	257	580	417	431			NII			NII			NII
13.	Manipur	NII	NII	NII	NII	NII	NII			NII			NII			NII
13.	Meghalaya	34	53	63	NII	NII	NII			NII	3288	2750	1840			NII
14.	Mizoram	18	28	12	38	49	28			NII	150		NII			NII
15.	Nagaland*	104	83	83	72		NII			NII			147			NII
16.	Orissa	243	226	194	279	378	422			NII	1650	1750	1827			NII
17.	Rajasthan	99	64	58	461	475	474			NII			NII			NII
18.	Sikkim*	4	2	2	1		NII			NII			NII			NII
19.	Tamil Nadu	95	97	62	119	138	110			NII	1474	2400	2971			NII
20.	Tripura*	NII	NII	NII	37	18	18*			NII			NII			NII
21.	UP/ Uttaranchal	735	465	475	1095	711	1412			NII		845	1984	9	12	13
22.	West Bengal	353	335	361	108	108	108*			NII	155	200	327	39	44	120
23.	Dadra Nagar Havelli	NII	NII	NII	NII	NII	15			NII			NII			NII
Total		4334	3750	3836	6767	6828	7273			310-320	20527	25541	29010	1567	1496	1817

\* Population census in Arunachal, Nagaland and Sikkim have not been done.

The census fig. quoted by these States during 1993 has been incorporated in 1997 also.

\*\* Population census as conducted in 1991.

#### Statement-II

#### Cases of Tiger Poaching (1999-2001)

Annexure referred to in reply to parts (c) and (d) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 135 for 23.7.2001 regarding deaths of Animals and Birds

State	1999	2000	2001
1	2	3	4
Andhra Pradesh	2	4	1
Assam		4	

1	2	3	4
Delhi	1	2	
Madhya Pradesh	9	4	2
Maharashtra	3	4	11
Tamil Nadu	2		
Uttar Pradesh	14	12	18
West Bengal	6	7	
Kerala			3
Rajasthan		2	
Total	37	39	35



*Cases of Elephant Poaching as reported by the States*

S.No.	State	Year		
		1998-99	99-00	00-01
1.	Andhra Pradesh	0	0	0
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0
3.	Assam	2	2	3
4.	Bihar	0	2	0
5.	Karnataka	27	16	19
6.	Kerala	4	1	1
7.	Meghalaya	2	2	0
8.	Nagaland	0	0	0
9.	Orissa	14	4	3
10.	Tamil Nadu	12	5	7
11.	Uttar Pradesh	1	0	5
12.	West Bengal	4	9	3
Total		66	41	41

**Statement-III***Cases of Rhino Poaching*

*Annexure referred to in reply to parts (c) and (d) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 135 for 23.7.2001 regarding deaths of Animals and Birds.*

Year	No. of Poached	Natural Death	NP/WLS	State
1	2	3	4	5
98-99	0		Jaldapara WLS	West Bengal
99-00	1		Jaldapara WLS	West Bengal
00-01	1		Jaldapara WLS	West Bengal
1998	8	87	Kaziranga N.P.	Assam
1998	12	3	Orang N.P.	Assam
1998	4	2	Pabitora	Assam
1998	4		Other areas	Assam

1	2	3	4	5
1999	4	46	Kaziranga N.P.	Assam
1999	7		Orang N.P.	Assam
1999	6	3	Pabitora WLS	Assam
1999	2	1	Other areas	Assam
2000	4	44	Kaziranga N.P.	Assam
2000	8	5	Orang N.P.	Assam
2000	2	1	Pabitora	Assam
2000	3		Other areas	Assam

**Statement-IV**

*Steps taken by the Government for conservation and protection of animals and birds in sanctuaries and reserves*

**(I) Steps taken at the State level :**

- Legal protection has been provided to wild animals against hunting and commercial exploitation under the provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
- State level and District level coordination committees have been set up in several States to prevent poaching and illegal trade in wildlife.

**(II) Steps taken at National level**

- Government of India has set up Regional and Sub regional Officers for wildlife preservation in major export and trade centres of the country to prevent smuggling of wild animals and their products.
- Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has been empowered under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 to apprehend and prosecute wildlife offenders. Anti-poaching efforts are being coordinated with INTERPOL.
- Financial and technical help is being extended to the States under various Centrally Sponsored Schemes viz. Project Tiger, Project Elephant, Development of National parks and Sanctuaries and Eco development around Protected Areas for enhancing the capacity and infrastructure of the States for providing effective protection to wild animals. Financial Assistance is, in particular, being provided for raising 'Strike Forces' and providing arms to the protection staff for combating

the organised poachers. Assistance is also provided for giving rewards to the informers for eliciting information about poachers and smugglers.

- iv. A Special Coordination and Enforcement Committee has been set up under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Environment and Forests, Government of India, for control of poaching and illegal trade in wildlife.
- v. Export of wild animals and their derivatives is prohibited under EXIM policy.
- vi. A National Conference of Forests and Environment Ministers of the State Governments was held on 29-30th January, 2001, wherein it was resolved to organise existing protecting staff into viable formations for effective control of poaching and to create enforcement infrastructure both within and outside the Protected Areas.
- vii. Ministry of Home Affairs has written to all the State Government to lend a helping hand to field formation to curb poaching and illegal trade in wildlife.

### (III) Steps taken at International level

- i. Government of India seeks international cooperation under the provisions of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna (CITES) for control of illegal trade in wildlife items.
- ii. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Nepal has been signed by India to establish a Joint Task Force to check the trafficking across the borders.
- iii. Indo-Chinese Protocol in tiger conservation Article of the protocol inter-alia stipulates joint measures to crackdown illegal activities of poaching of tigers, smuggling and selling the tiger bones and other parts of the tiger as well as its derivatives.
- iv. A Global Tiger Forum of Tiger Range Countries has been created for addressing international issues related to Tiger Conservation.

#### User Fee on National Highways

136. DR. JASWANT SINGH YADAV :

SHRI SURESH RAMRAO JADHAV :

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to levy user fee on certain National Highways of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the names of National Highways and user fee to be charged thereon;

(c) the average amount of per day collection of user fee at Jaipur-Kotputli National Highway; and

(d) the time by which the user fee system is likely to be introduced on other National Highways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) SHRI B.C. KHANDURI) : (a) Yes, Sir. Govt. has proposed levying of user fee on National Highways Sections converted from the existing 2-lane to 4-lane divided carriageway facility.

(b) to (d) Use fee would be levied on the National Highway Sections as and when they are upgraded from existing 2-lanes to 4-lanes divided carriageway facility. In immediate future, it is proposed to levy user fee on completed sections of National Highway, some of the major ones are : Gurgaon-Kotputli on NH-8 in Haryana, Delhi-Agra on NH-2 in U.P. and Barwa Adda in Jharkhand to Panagarh in West Bengal. The average amount of per day collection of user fee at Kotputli-Amer Section of NH-8 in Rajasthan is around Rs. 9 to 10 lakhs. The fee rate has been linked to the wholesale price index of a year to be determined on yearly basis.

Govt. has notified capping rates for user fee for different category of vehicles at June, 1997 price level, which is as below :-

Type of vehicle	Rate per Km. per Trip (in Rupee)
Car/Jeep/Van	0.40
Light Commercial Vehicle (Light Goods vehicles)	0.70
Trucks or buses	1.40
Heavy Construction Machinery and Earth Moving Equipment	3.00

[Translation]

#### Upgradation of Post Offices in Maharashtra

137. SHRI DANVE RAOSAHEB PATIL : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the number of post offices proposed to be upgraded in Maharashtra during 2001-2002?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : A target of opening 7 Departmental Post Offices has been allotted to Maharashtra Circle for the year 2001-2002. Subject to fulfilment of norms & availability of resources, post offices will be opened/upgraded bearing in mind the targets allotted.

#### **Right of Women Workers**

138. SHRI P.R. KHUNTE : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether women do not get due importance and remuneration of their labour despite existence of the relevant Acts/laws in the country;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to take any fresh measures in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL) : (a) to (d) Several laws have been enacted to secure reasonable working conditions, due remuneration and general welfare of women workers. These include the Factories Act, 1948 the Plantation Labour Act, 1951, the Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970, the Inter State Migrant Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1979, the Maternity Benefit Act, 1961, the Building and Other Construction (Regulation of Employment of Conditions of Service) Act, 1996, etc. which provide number of facilities such as creche facilities for the benefit of women workers, time off for feeding children during working hours, separate toilets and washing facilities near the workplace, provision of maternity leave, etc. The Government has also enacted the Equal Remuneration Act, 1976 and the Minimum Wages Act, 1948 which provide for non-discrimination in matters relating to payment of wages. The enforcement machineries set up in the Centre as well as States carry out periodical inspections and prosecute those found guilty of violating provisions of the Acts.

#### **Employment Generation Opportunities**

139. DR. SUSHIL KUMAR INDORA :

SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have made any assessment in regard to the annual rate of increase in the employment generation opportunities during the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the average annual rate of increase so far;

(c) the average annual rate of increase of the number of workers in the country during the said period; and

(d) the percentage of further increase in unemployment as a result of decline in the generation of employment opportunities and increase in the number of workers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL) : (a) to (d) The assessment of generation of employment opportunities in the country is made on the basis of the quinquennial surveys on employment and unemployment conducted by the National Sample Survey Organisation. According to the latest survey conducted during 1999-2000, the annual growth of employment by Usual Principal and Subsidiary Status (UPSS) Approach has been estimated to be at about one percent during 1994-2000. The incidence of Unemployment was of the order of 2.23% of the Labour Force as on 1.1.2000, as against an estimate of 1.90% on 1.1.1994.

[English]

#### **Losses to MTNL**

140. SHRI SHIVAJI MANE :

SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHI :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) has suffered losses of crores of rupees due to damage of cables and telephone lines while digging by Reliance and Bharati Telenet in Capital recently as reported in the Pioneer dated June 29, 2001;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. MTNL suffered loss due to damage of cables and Telephone lines while digging by M/s Bharti Telenet Ltd. and M/s Netware Infosys (P) Ltd. with details as under.

(i) M/s Bharti Telenet Ltd.

Area affected	No. of cable pairs damaged
Man Singh Road, Tilak Marg, Tilak Lane, CGO Complex, Janpath Road, Subramaniam Bharti Marg, Feroz Shah Road, Behind Paras Cinema, Purana Quila Road, Defence Colony, Lodhi Road, Shahjahan Road, Chanakyapuri Area, Connaught Place MS Flats, Canning Road, Mathura Road, Bhagwan Dass Road etc.	5232 approx.

(ii) M/s Netware Infosys (P) Ltd.

Area affected	No. of cable pairs damaged
Tolstoy marg covered in the area of Connaught place, Vandana Bldg, Himalaya House, American Centre, ECE House, New Delhi House, Ashoka Estate, Akashdeep, Nirmal Tower, World Trade Centre, Jeevan Prakash Scindia House etc.	5400 approx.

(c) (i) Suit No. 129/2001 for damages for Rs. 15 lacs was filed on 29.6.2001 in the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi against M/s Bharati Tele Net Ltd. Orders restraining them for further digging passed on 02.07.2001 by the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi. Case stands adjourned for 31.7.2001.

(ii) Suit No. 129/2001 for damages for Rs. 33 lacs was filed Hon'ble High Court on 2nd July, 2001 ordered stay on further digging by the said Company. Case now fixed for 31.07.2001.

#### Depletion of Coastal Saline Forests

141. SHRI TRILOCHAN KANUNGO : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether devastation caused by cyclone and tidal waves of coastal belts of Andhra Pradesh, Orissa and

West Bengal having increased several fold during recent past due to depletion and destruction of coastal saline forests;

(b) if so, whether the Government are making any plan and project for reraising saline forests along the coast of Andhra Pradesh, Orissa and West Bengal during the 10th Plan period;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any effort had been made for raising saline forests during the 9th Plan period; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, indicating the financial allocation, expenditure, physical target set and achievement made during each year of the 9th Plan, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) to (e) Devastation caused by cyclone in coastal areas of Andhra Pradesh, Orissa and West Bengal has been severe in the recent past. Ministry of Environment and Forest has been implementing a Scheme on Conservation and Management of Mangroves and Coral Reefs since 1986. Development of mangroves has been identified as one of the Thrust Area for implementation during the Ninth Five Year Plan. Under integrated Afforestation and Eco-development Project Scheme the Coastal Shelterbelt Plantation, Project has been introduced in 2000-01 to mitigate the effect of cyclone to check soil erosion and inward drift of sand dunes. These projects are likely to be continued during the Tenth Five Year Plan. The State-wise physical and financial targets and achievements made during Ninth Plan period under these Schemes are given in statement.

#### Statement

*State-wise physical and financial targets and achievements related to the Scheme on Conservation and Management of Mangroves and Coral Reefs and Coastal Shelterbelt Plantation Ninth Plan period*

#### Mangroves :

(Area in Ha. & Amount Rs. in lakhs)

State/ Mangrove Area		1997-98		1998-99		1999-2000		2000-01		2001-02		Total 9th Plan	
		Tar.	Ach.	Tar.	Ach.	Tar.	Ach.	Tar.	Ach.	Tar.	Ach.	Tar.	Ach.
Andhra Pradesh: Coringa Krishna East Godavari	Physical	-	-	450	450	-	-	400	400	350	-	1200	850
	Financial	-	-	28.02	28.02	-	-	59.87	59.87	65.85	-	153.74	87.69
Orissa : Bhitarkanika Mahanadi Subernrekha Devi Dhamra	Physical	-	-	-	-	350	-	450	-	-	-	800	-
	Financial	-	-	-	-	44.06	-	55.75	-	-	-	99.81	-
West Bengal : Sunderbans	Physical	300	300	400	400	500	500	-	-	-	-	1200	1200
	Financial	66.82	66.82	63.60	63.60	44.95	44.95	-	-	-	-	175.37	175.37

**Coastal Shelterbelt Plantation Projects under IAEPS :**

(Area in Ha. &amp; Amount Rs. in lakhs)

State	District	2000-01					2001-02					Total 9th plan	
		Phy. Tar.	Fin Target	Rel.	Phy. Ach.	Fin Ach.	Phy. Target	Fin Target	Rel.	Phy. Ach.	Fin Ach.	Phy. Target	Fin. Target
Andhra Pradesh	Srikakulam, Vijayanagaram, Krishna, Guntur & Nellore	0	154.43	79.78	0	79.76	2050	318.01	105.18	0	0.00	2050	472.44
Orissa	Puri, Ganjam, Balasore, Kendrapara, Jagtsinghpur & Bhadrak	2000	870.70	441.09	100	100.80	6000	617.81	0.00	0	0.00	8000	1488.51
West Bengal	Kharagpur	0	13.80	7.60	0	6.06	150	16.22	10.56	0	0.00	150	30.02
Total		2000	1038.93	528.47	100	186.62	8200	952.04	115.74	0	0.00	10200	1990.97

*[Translation]***Basic Facilities at Ranchi Airport**

142. PROF. DUKHA BHAGAT : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether basic facilities like shade, toilet etc. are lacking at Ranchi airport; and

(b) if so, the efforts made by the Government to provide basic amenities there as on date?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) and (b) Basic facilities are available at Ranchi airport inside the terminal building. Outside the terminal building, facilities like car park, Drinking water, etc. are available. Construction of Canopy outside the terminal building for the convenience of visitors with facilities like toilets, water, chairs etc. has already been taken up.

Constant efforts are made to improve the passenger facilities both inside and outside the terminal buildings as an ongoing process.

*[English]***National Long Distance Telephone Services**

143. DR. V. SAROJA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the name of the companies to whom licences

for national long distance telephone services issued, State-wise; and

(b) the time by which these companies are likely to start their operation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) No Licence Agreement has been signed for operation of National Long Distance Service with any private company. Letters of Intent (LOIs) have been issued to two companies namely M/s Reliance Communications Private Limited and M/s Bharti Telesonic Limited for grant of licence and signing of Licence Agreement to fulfilment of certain conditions. This licence of National Long Distance Service is for whole of India.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

**Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited**

144. SHRI SUBODH ROY :

SHRI VIJAY GOEL :

SHRI AJAY CHAKRABORTY :

SHRI PRABODH PANDA :

DR. RAM CHANDRA DOME :

SHRI MAHBOOB ZAHEDI :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government's announcement that Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited's (VSNL) monopoly over International Long Distance (ILD) calls will be dismantled by March next year has resulted in a crash in VSNL's share prices just before the proposed disinvestment;

(b) If so, the details thereof and revenue losses to be suffered as a result thereof; and

(c) steps taken by the Government to strengthen VSNL and check devaluation of share prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) to (c) No, Sir. Decline in VSNL's share price is on account of various market forces and market sentiments and not because of termination of monopoly of VSNL over ILD from 1/4/2002. There was a sharp decline in the share value of almost all the companies in the Technology sector. VSNL's share price was also influenced by the general Indian capital market trend in Technology Sector.

To offset the losses likely to occur due to advancement of demonopolisation of monopoly of VSNL over ILD from 1/4/2004 to 1/4/2002, the Government has decided to grant the following compensation package to VSNL :

1. Licence to run National Long Distance Services (NLD) with the following package :

- (a) Government would pay to VSNL a sum equal to the amount paid by VSNL as entry fee and licence fee for a period of 5 years commencing from 1st April, 2001 net of taxes.
- (b) Performance Bank Guarantee of Rs. 400 crores for the prescribed roll out will be waived.

2. VSNL will be granted Category 'A' ISP Licence which will enable it to provide internet access all over the country.

3. Government can also consider additional compensation if found to be necessary on a detailed review when undertaken.

#### Construction of Feeder Canal

145. SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJ :

SHRI G. MALLIKARJUNAPPA :

SHRI IQBAL AHMED SARADGI :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Karnataka Government has approached the Union Government to urge the Andhra Pradesh Government not to construct the Feeder canal project;

(b) if so, the details of the main objections raised by the Karnataka Government; and

(c) the extent to which the Union Government have agreed to provide help and assistance to the Karnataka Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) and (b) The Government of Karnataka has requested Union Government to prevail upon Government of Andhra Pradesh not to proceed with construction of a Feeder Channel from Sidagappana Katte connecting to Byadagere Cheruvu since the construction of this Feeder Channel will completely intercept the catchment waters of Honnagondanahalli and other tanks located in Sira Taluk, Tumkur District of Karnataka State.

(c) The Government of Andhra Pradesh has informed that the construction work of Feeder Channel has been stopped.

[Translation]

#### Private Telephone Operators

146. RAJKUMARI RATNA SINGH : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the private telephone operators have signed any agreement to render their services in rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the target fixed in this regard;

(d) the number of telephones provided by each said operators during the last two years and till date; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government against the errant companies which are violating the agreement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. There are six private Basic Telephone Service Operators viz., M/s Bharti Telenet Ltd. in Madhya Pradesh, M/s Reliance Telecom (Pvt.) Ltd. in Gujarat, M/s HFCL Infotel Ltd. in Punjab, M/s Tata Teleservices Ltd. in Andhra Pradesh, M/s Hughes Telecom (India) Ltd. in Maharashtra and M/s Shyam Telelink Ltd. in Rajasthan.

(c) and (d) The details in respect of targets committed by them for provision of Village Public Telephones (VPTs) in rural areas vis-a-vis the achievements in terms of number of VPTs actually provided till date in last two years are enclosed in the statement.

(e) These private operators have continuously been insisted upon to submit and adhere to a definite time-bound quarter-wise roll out plan for clearing the backlog of missed targets of VPTs to discharge their committed obligations. It has also been made clear to them that there

will not be any dilution in their committed performance obligations voluntarily undertaken by them in the licence agreement. Further, as decided by Group on Telecom and Information Technology (GOT IT) Convergence, the private Basic Telephone Service Operators have also been asked to submit an undertaking as well as an additional performance bank guarantee for fulfilling balance of the roll out obligations within a defined time-frame, not exceeding the end of year 2002, by which time NTP 99 has envisaged that telephone on demand would be available.

### Statement

#### Provision of Village Public Telephones (VPTs) by private licensees

Sl.No.	Licensee and Licensed Circle	Effective Date of Licence	Committed targets* for VPTs in first Three years (as per obligations under Licence Agreement)			Total No. of committed VPTs in 1st 3 years	No. of actually provided (30.6.01)
			I Year	II Year	III Year		
1.	M/s Tala Teleservices (Andhra Pradesh)	30.9.1997	9635 (by 30.9.1998)	(all villages were to be covered in first year i.e. by 30.9.1998)		9635	5
2.	M/s Reliance Telecom (Gujarat)	30.9.1997	8635 (by 30.9.1998)	(all villages were to be covered in first year i.e. by 30.9.1998)		8635	Nil
3.	M/s HFCL Infotel Ltd. (Punjab)	30.9.1997	5442 (by 30.9.1998)	(all villages were to be covered in first year i.e. by 30.9.1998)		5442	Nil
4.	M/s Hughes Tele.com (India) Limited (Maharashtra)	30.9.1997	4000 (by 30.9.1998)	21760 (by 30.9.99)	No village was to be left Uncovered by 30.9.99	25760	Nil
5.	M/s Bharti Telenet (Madhya Pradesh)	30.9.1997	5500 (by 30.9.1998)	5500 (by 30.9.1999)	5500 (by 30.9.2000)	16500	348
6.	M/s Shyam Telelink (Rajasthan)	04.3.1998	7439 (by 04.3.1999)	10629 (by 4.3.2000)	13766 (by 4.3.2001)	31834 [36727]**	209
Total			40651	37889	19266	97806	562

\* Translated into absolute terms based on bid/tender documents keeping in view the committed targets for Direct Exchange Lines (DELs) and the figure for number of uncovered villages indicated in the tender.

\*\* The total number of uncovered villages in Rajasthan Service area is only 31834 as against the licensee's commitment of 36727.

^ As reported by the licensees.

[English]

#### Open Sky Policy

147. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received any request from private airlines for formulation of an 'Open Sky Policy?

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) to (c) The open sky policy for cargo flights has already been in existence since 11th May, 1992. The policy envisages favourable consideration to private operators,

association of exporters etc. to run air cargo operation on their own or on a consortium basis to purchase or lease freighter aircraft.

[Translation]

### Satellite Telephone

148. SHRIMATI JAS KAUR MEENA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of satellite telephones installed in Rajasthan at present, district-wise; location-wise;

(b) whether these telephones have been installed in remote areas of State; and

(c) if not, the time by which said telephones are likely to be installed in remote areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) and (b) At present 2 satellite telephones are installed in remote areas of Rajasthan State as per detail given below :

District	No. of satellite telephones working	Location
Jaisalmer	1	Janiya
Barmer	1	Sundera

(c) Satellite telephones are deployed as village public telephones in remote areas of the country. As all the remaining villages in the State are to be provided with Village Public Telephones by Private Fixed Service Provider, there is no plan to install further satellite telephones in the State by BSNL.

### Labour Force in India

149. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI :

SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the total labour force in terms of percentage engaged in agriculture, industry and service sectors in the country at present, separately;

(b) the minimum and maximum daily wages of the labour in each of the above sectors during 2000, separately; and

(c) the assessment made by the Government in regard to increase in the annual growth rate of low job opportunities in these sectors in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL) : (a) The estimates of employment, unemployment and labour force are obtained through labour force survey conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation from time to time. The latest survey was conducted during 1999-2000. The percentage distribution of usually employed persons by industry division as per Usual Principal and Subsidiary Status (UPSS) approach is given as under.

Percentage distribution of usually employed persons by Industry division (UPSS).

Sector	Rural		Urban	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
Agriculture	71.4	85.4	6.6	17.7
Manufacturing	7.3	7.6	22.4	24.0
Services	6.1	3.7	21.0	34.2

(b) and (c) The information relating to minimum and maximum daily wages of the labour and about changes in low job-opportunities, are not maintained. According to the provision of the Minimum Wages Act, 1948, minimum wages are only fixed in respect of scheduled employments.

[English]

### Construction of Four Lane from Monor to Surat

150. SHRI CHINTAMAN WANAGA : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to construct four-lane road from Monor to Surat on National Highway No.-8;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) SHRI B.C. KHANDURI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The project envisages widening the existing two



lane carriageway to a four lane divided carriageway in a length of 176 km. The cost of the project is Rs. 867.00 crores and is being funded from an ADB loan to US \$ 180 Million. The work is under progress.

(c) The work is targetted for completion by October, 2003.

[Translation]

#### **STD/ISD/PCO Booths in M.P.**

151. SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of STD/ISD/CO booths functioning at present in Madhya Pradesh, district-wise;

(b) the number of said booths proposed to be set up during 2001-2002, location-wise; and

(c) the funds allocated for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) The telecom district-wise information is given in the statement attached.

(b) It has been proposed to set up 5000 PCO booths in Madhya Pradesh during 2001-2002. However, it has been left to the franchisees to decide the location of the PCOs.

(c) Funds are not separately allocated for setting up of PCO booths.

#### **Statement**

Name of the Telecom District	Number of STD/ISD/PCO Booths functioning
1	2
1. Balaghat	233
2. Betul	225
3. Bhopal	2039
4. Chhatarpur	475
5. Chhindwara	421
6. Damoh	190
7. Dewas	217
8. Dhar	325

1	2
9. Guna	301
10. Gwalior	1180
11. Indore	2503
12. Hoshangabad	519
13. Jabalpur	1737
14. Khandwa	499
15. Khargone	445
16. Mandla	107
17. Mandsaur	646
18. Morena	612
19. Narsinghpur	193
20. Panna	85
21. Raisen	106
22. Rajgarh	195
23. Ratlam	422
24. Rewa	422
25. Sagar	538
26. Jhabua	186
27. Satna	338
28. Seoni	174
29. Shahdol	354
30. Shajapur	186
31. Shivpuri	209
32. Sidhi	221
33. Ujjain	739
34. Vidisha	213

[English]

#### **Road Accidents**

152. SHRI SUBODH MOHITE : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to enact deterrent laws to curb increasing road accidents all over the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the recommendations made by the Law Commission in 1995 in this regard; and

(d) the action taken by the Government on these recommendations till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) SHRI B.C. KHANDURI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Law Commission has not made any recommendations on the subject in 1995.

(d) Does not arise.

#### **Rates of Royalty**

153. SHRI G.J. JAVIYA : Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Gujarat has approached the Union Government to streamline the existing system of fixing the rates of royalty;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to set up a statutory body of experts to revise the rates of royalty;

(d) if so, whether the proposals of the Gujarat Government has been considered by the expert body;

(e) if so, the decision taken thereon; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Conventionally a Study Group is constituted in the Department/Ministry concerned to review the rates of royalty on major minerals which comprises representatives of State Governments, the Industry, the Technical Institutions and other concerned Ministries/Departments. The Study Group makes recommendations about the rates of royalty after holding broad-based consultations which are considered by the Government and final revision of the rates of royalty is notified in the Gazette. Ministry of Mines had set up a Study Group

vide office memorandum dated 5.10.1998. Study Group submitted its recommendation in March, 2000. On the basis of the recommendations, the rates of royalty for major minerals (other than coal, lignite and sand for stowing) have been notified w.e.f. 12.9.2000. As per Sec. 9(3) of the Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957, revision of royalty for major minerals (other than coal, lignite & sand for stowing) is not due before 12.9.2003.

(c) to (f) There is no proposal to set up any statutory body experts for revision of royalty rates.

[Translation]

#### **Formation of Joint Telecom Company**

154. SHRI CHANDRESH PATEL :

SHRI BABUBHAI K. KATARA :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Birla, Tata, AT&T (Batala) and the BPL have recently announced to form a joint telecom company;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the percentage of shares of each company, therein; and

(d) the areas of operation to be identified for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) As per information provided by some of the concerned companies, A.V. Birla Group, the Tata Group, AT&T Wireless Group and BPL Group have announced their intention to form a joint venture company subject to obtaining all the necessary approvals. However, these companies have not yet approached Licensing Authority for Telecom Services (Department of Telecommunications) for approval of such a Joint Venture Company.

(b) to (d) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

[English]

#### **Doping in Sports**

155. SHRI J.S. BRAR : Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received any complaint or information alleging official agencies are involved in State sponsored doping since 1982 Asian Games;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government to prevent doping in sports; and

(c) the names of top sports persons, if any, caught for dope use in sports?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (KUMARI UMA BHARATI) : (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

#### **Accidents on National Highway-8**

156. SHRI PRABHUNATH SINGH :

SHRI RAMJEE MANJHI :

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Safety comes at a premium on country's premier stretch of Highway" appearing in the Indian Express dated April 23, 2001;

(b) if so, the details of the facts reported therein;

(c) the steps taken to make the NH-8 free of raised patch of road to check accidents;

(d) whether the survey has been completed to provide a divider on National Highway-58 from Delhi to Hardwar; and

(e) if not, the time by which the survey is likely to be completed and a divider provided on the said road?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) SHRI B.C. KHANDURI) : (a) and (b) The Government is aware of the news item. The details regarding road condition, geometrics, accidents, etc. are not based on facts.

(c) Segregating traffic from opposing directions through a raised central median is a standard practice. Surface quality is good, all the curves are designed for 100 km/h speed, road signs have been provided and the high fatality rate reported is not based on facts. A number of safety measures have been taken such as highway patrolling, ambulance services, crane services, improved road signs and markings.

(d) and (e) NH-58 between Delhi and Meerut is already

having a 4-lane divided carriageway. For the remaining section between Meerut and Hardwar it is proposed to undertake the feasibility studies and Detailed Project Report during 2001-2002.

#### **UNDP assistance for Environment System**

157. SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Indian environmental system has become vulnerable to natural disaster;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) whether UNDP's Global Environmental Facility Funding to India is continuously increasing;

(d) if so, the funds received from UNDP during the last three years; and

(e) the measures taken by the Government to improve environmental system in country?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) and (b) India being a country of sub-continental dimensions is prone to natural disasters such as droughts, floods, cyclones, earthquakes etc. However, there is no empirical evidence to suggest the vulnerability of our environmental systems to natural disasters has increased.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The amount sanctioned under UNDP/GEF budget during the last three years is as follows :

Year	Amount in US \$
1998	2,174,600
1999	1,265,200
2000	6,067,000

(e) In addition to putting in place a comprehensive legislative framework for protection and conservation of environment, forests and wildlife, the Government has undertaken a number of programmes such as those for conservation of bio-diversity, rivers, lakes, mangroves and coral reefs, integrated afforestation and eco-development programmes etc.

#### **Development of Hyderabad and Visakhapatnam Airports**

158. SHRI KALAVA SRINIVASULU :

SHRI Y.S. VIVEKANANDA REDDY :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the plans approved for the development work of the Hyderabad and Visakhapatnam airports during the current year;

(b) the amount earmarked for each work, separately;

(c) the action proposed for providing better and quicker passenger facilities on the airports for satisfaction of customers;

(d) the total cost estimated; and

(e) the time by which the work on this project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) The details of plans approved for development works of Hyderabad airport during the current year are as follows : Strengthening and extension of existing runway from 9080' to 10600' and associated facilities; construction of culvert over the Nallah and strengthening of existing culverts ; Trans-installation of Instrument Landing Systems (ILS) and approach lights ; installation of additional lights on extended portion of runway and strengthening of existing apron and taxiway to cater to wide bodied Jet Aircraft. It has been proposed to construct a new runway of dimension 10,000 ft x 150 ft suitable for operation of Medium Capacity Long Range (MCLR) Category of aircraft at Visakhapatnam airport. There are also proposals for construction of new apron, link taxiways etc., installation of Navigational aids and Ground Lighting facilities for all weather operation, provision of boundary wali, perimeter road, sub-fire station, approach road etc. and construction of a new integrated terminal building to handle domestic as well as international passengers.

(b) A token provision of Rs. 1 crore each has been earmarked for Hyderabad and Visakhapatnam Airports during 2001-2002, which may be increased depending upon the requirement.

(c) Improvement of passenger facilities is a continuous process being taken up keeping in view demand and availability of resources.

(d) Estimated cost for development of Hyderabad airport is Rs. 70 crores and that of Visakhapatnam airport is Rs. 160 crores.

(e) Execution period after award of work is 2 years and 3 years for Hyderabad and Visakhapatnam airports respectively.

### **Welfare of Indian Workers Abroad**

159. SHRI SURESH RAMRAO JADHAV :

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA :

SHRI ABUL HASNAT KHAN :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a Central Manpower Export Council (MEPC) and Indian Overseas Workers Fund for the well being of Indian workers in abroad;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken to curb the activities of the private recruiting agencies for harassing and collecting hefty amount from each candidate besides cheating them;

(d) whether the Government propose to collect some fee for the purpose; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNILALL) : (a), (b), (d) and (e) The proposal to set up a Central Manpower Export Promotion Council and Indian Overseas Workers Welfare Fund is under consideration of the Government.

(c) Sporadic complaints are received relating to harassment and collection of hefty amounts from candidates. As and when such complaints are received, action is taken to suspend/cancel the registration certificates of registered recruiting agents. The State Governments have been requested to issue instructions right down to the police station level to keep a strict vigil on activities of unscrupulous agents.

[Translation]

### **VSNL and MTNL Cellular Service**

160. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether with the introduction of cellular/mobile telephone service by the Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited (VSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL), the private mobile/cellular operators reduced the rentals of their mobile service as a result of which the Government mobile/cellular service has been affected from the income point of views; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to bring improvement in the Government mobile service and to make it competitive among the private mobile service operators?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) VSNL has not introduced any cellular/mobile telephone services. With the introduction of cellular/mobile telephone service by MTNL at comparatively reduced rates, private cellular operators have also reduced the charges of their mobile service. Rationalisation of tariff in a competitive environment is aimed at enhancement of revenues through volumes. The net effect is to be seen over a period of time.

(b) Improvement in a new mobile service is a constant process and the optimization is being done.

#### **Project for Development of Forests in Madhya Pradesh**

161. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Madhya Pradesh has submitted any project to the Union Government for development of forests;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government have accorded its approval;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor indicating the time by which approval is likely to be accorded in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Madhya Pradesh Government has submitted Madhya Pradesh Forestry Project (Phase-II) for possible external assistance of the World Bank.

(b) The Madhya Pradesh Forestry Project (Phase-II) is continuation of the Madhya Pradesh Forestry Project (Phase-I). The Project goal is to reduce poverty by improvement in livelihood systems of rural poor in forest fringe areas through sustainable forest management. The main thrust areas of the project are (i) Increased production (ii) Seed development (iii) Biotechnology (iv) Applied research and (v) Extension. The duration of the Project will be five years and the estimated cost is about Rs. 900 crores.

(c) to (e) The Project has been posed to the World Bank

and no decision has yet been taken by the World Bank on the proposal.

#### **Telephone Directory**

162. SHRI DINESH CHANDRA YADAV : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the telephone directory in Bihar especially in Saharsa district has not been printed after 1997;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken by the Government for timely printing of telephone directory?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) In Saharsa Telecom District the last directory was printed in 1996. However, in 5 telecom districts of Bihar directories have been printed during last one year. In the remaining 9 telecom districts, the directories are to be printed progressively during the current year.

(b) The delay in printing of telephone directories was done to contractual problems.

(c) With a view to print the telephone directories in time, the policy has been revised recently.

#### **STD/ISD/PCO Booths**

163. SHRI HARIBHAI CHAUDHARY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether STD/ISD/PCO booths allotted to handicapped and unemployed persons are being illegally run by other persons;

(b) if so, the number of such cases noticed during the last two years, State-wise;

(c) whether some employees have been found involved in this irregularities; and

(d) if so, the details and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) and (b) One case of PCO allotted to handicapped person being run by another person has been detected in MTNL, Delhi.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

#### **Information Pertaining to BSNL (Rest of India)**

(a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

*[English]***Bio-Diversity Bill**

164. SHRIMATI JAYABEN B. THAKKAR : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce the Bio-diversity Bill;

(b) If so, the details thereof indicating the time by which it is likely to be introduced; and

(c) the extent to which the National Bio-diversity strategy and action plan, undertaken by his ministry has been successful in understanding India's biological diversity and preserving it?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) and (b) The Government has introduced the Biological Diversity Bill 2000 in the Lok Sabha on 15th May, 2000. The broad objectives of this legislation are conservation and sustainable utilization of biodiversity and equitable sharing of benefits arising out of the use of biological resources and associated knowledge.

(c) The National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan project was officially launched on 11.4.2000. This project is for a duration of two years. Under this project, State Governments, academic institutions, experts and non-governmental organisations are working together for developing action plans at sub-state, State, regional and thematic levels, for conservation of biological diversity.

*[Translation]***International Airports**

165. SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA :

DR. ASHOK PATEL :

SHRI RAMPAL SINGH :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the number of international airports operational in the country at present alongwith the details of their income and expenditure during the last three years;

(b) whether the Government have received any proposals for the construction of some international airports;

(c) If so, the details thereof alongwith the target date for the completion of each of the proposed international airport;

(d) whether there is also a proposal to construct an international airport in Noida; and

(e) if so, the estimated expenditure to be incurred in the project?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) There are 11 International Airports operational in the country maintained by Airports Authority of India, for which the details of income and expenditure for the last three years are enclosed in the statement. The international airport at Cochin is operated by C.I.A.L.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Government of India has accorded 'in principle' approval for construction of greenfield airports with private sector participation at Bangalore, Hyderabad and Goa. The respective State Governments are finalising selection of joint venture private sector partner for implementing these projects. In view of the above, no definite time frame can be indicated, at present, for completion of these projects.

(d) and (e) At present, there is no plan to construct an international airport at Noida.

**Statement***Details of Income & Expenditure of the Airports of Airports Authority of India**Rs. in Lakhs*

Name of Airport	RE 2000-2001		Actuals Revenue	1999-2000 Expenditure	Actuals Revenue	1998-99 Expenditure
	Revenue	Expenditure				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Delhi	44886.67	29820.64	42329.93	27448.27	42247.67	28081.68
Chennai	21092.74	12776.8	19049.88	13022.13	17526.84	12076.44
Mumbai	55508.25	28843.86	53433.65	28754.44	53442.61	27725.5
Kolkata	15811.83	12921.85	15226.82	13452.02	14123.96	13031.84
Trivandrum	2596.38	3518.41	2268.14	3288.32	2713.88	3725.25

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Hyderabad	3899.72	3392.27	2133.37	2731.5	1954.2	2363.64
Goa	1178.83	733.5	625.8	484.63	551.16	506.42
Bangalore	4167.12	2296.13	1987.79	1797.26	1818.34	1411.54
Ahmedabad	1974.68	2351.78	1458.84	1713.6	1354.27	1642.14
Amritsar	272.95	581.6	139.27	422.5	138.99	463.03
Guwahati	1179.31	4334.21	768.96	2789.69	583.7	2024.18

#### Introduction of Small Aircraft

166. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to introduce Small Aircraft Charter Service in various States including Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details of cities likely to be covered under such service; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

#### Increase in Fares of Indian Airlines

167. SHRI PADAMSEN CHOUDHRY : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether any decision has been taken recently to increase the fares of Indian Airlines;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of the increase in fare of Indian Airlines alongwith the percentage-wise increase that took place during the past three years?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) Indian Airlines has introduced w.e.f. 25.5.2001, market responsive flexi-fares which enables the airlines to consider fare variations on 'sector to sector' and 'season to season' basis.

(b) There was substantial increase in the costs of inputs since last year. The important ones are :-

- 1) Increase in ATF price and Sales Tax thereon.
- 2) Increase in Landing and Navigational charges.
- 3) Increase in aircraft maintenance expenditure due to increase in rate of exchange, ageing fleet and spares price.
- 4) Increase in Insurance Premium.
- 5) Increase in security expenditure due to introduction of random sky marshalling of domestic flights in Indian Airlines Limited/Airline Allied Services Limited network.
- 6) Increase in ground handling cost at Cochin due to withdrawal of self handling facility.

All the above costs were beyond the control of Indian Airlines.

The implementation of flexi-fare regime will result in higher realisation of revenue which will partly offset the increase in the input costs.

(c) The increase in fare was only on 68 out of the 165 sectors as per the following details :-

Fare Increase	No. of sectors
0-5%	09
5-10%	20
10-15%	39
Total	68

On competitive routes in Category II fares have been kept lower than competitors by about Rs. 100/- to 400/-.

Fares have been lowered to pre-25th May, 2001 on 3 sectors effective 28th June, 2001.

Indian Airlines had increased its fares in October, 1998 when 11.2% fare increase was effected on all domestic sectors except North East and other Category II routes, where no increase in fare was effected.

[English]

#### **Deployment of CISF at Airports**

168. SHRI BHIM DAHAL : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the airports where Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) has been deployed for the security of airports;

(b) the details of the airports where security arrangements are being looked by the State Police;

(c) whether the Government propose to hand over the security arrangement to CISF at the other airports also during the current year;

(d) If so, the details thereof; and

(e) If not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) List of 20 airports where CISF has been deployed is given in statement-I.

(b) List of 46 airports, where security arrangements are being looked after by State/UT Police is given in statement-II.

(c) to (e) Government has decided to induct CISF at all operational airports in the country in a phased manner.

#### **Statement-I**

##### *Airports where CISF has been deployed*

1. Agartala
2. Ahmedabad
3. Bagdogra
4. Bangalore
5. Bhopal
6. Chandigarh
7. Cochin

8. Guwahati
9. Hyderabad
10. Jaipur
11. Lucknow
12. Mangalore
13. Patna
14. Port Blair
15. Rajkot
16. Ranchi
17. Udaipur
18. Vadodara
19. Visakhapatnam
20. Bhu]

#### **Statement-II**

##### *Airports where security arrangements are looked by the State/UT Police*

1. Agatti
2. Agra
3. Aurangabad
4. Bhavnagar
5. Bhubneshwar
6. Bhuntar
7. Calicut
8. Coimbatore
9. Dehradun
10. Dibrugarh
11. Dimapur
12. Dlu
13. Gaggal
14. Gwalior



**Privatisation of Airports**

15. Imphal

16. Indore

17. Jabalpur

18. Jaisalmer

19. Jammu

20. Jamnagar

21. Jodhpur

22. Jorhat

23. Keshod

24. Khajuraho

25. Leh

26. Lengpui

27. Madurai

28. Nagpur

29. Porbandar

30. Pune

31. Puttaparthi

32. Raipur

33. Shimla

34. Silchar

35. Srinagar

36. Tezpur

37. Tiruchi

38. Tirupathi

39. Varanasi

40. Amritsar

41. Kolkata

42. Chennai

43. Delhi

44. Goa

45. Mumbai

46. Thiruvananthapuram

169. SHRI B.K. PARATHASARATHI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the profit making and loss making airports in the country, separately;

(b) whether the Government propose to privatise both profit making and loss making airports; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) Names of the profit making airports are Delhi, Chennai, Mumbai, Calcutta, Hyderabad, Goa, Bangalore, Calicut, Juhu, Bhuj and Pune airports.

Names of the loss making airports are as under : North Eastern : Guwahati, Agartala, Aizwal (Lengpui), Debrugarh, Dimapur, Imphal, Lilabari, Shillong, Passighat, Cooch Behar, Kailashahr, Khowai, Kamalpur, Rupsi, Shella, Bagdogra, Jorhat, Silchar, Tezu, Zero Tezpur, Along, and, Dapari.

Northern : Amritsar, Agra, Chandigarh, Jammu, Jodhpur, Leh, Gwalior, Srinagar, Kanpur, Allahabad, Bikaner, Jaisalmer, Gorakhpur, Dehradun, Gaggal, Jaipur, Khajuraho, Kota, Kullu, Lucknow, Ludhiana, Pantnagar, Safdarjung, Shimla, Udaipur, Varanasi, Lalitpur, Satna and Jhansi,

Western : Ahmedabad, Aurangabad, Baroda, Belgam, Bhavnagar, Bhopal, Jabalpur, Jamnagar, Kandla, Keshod, Nagpur, Porbandar, Raipur, Rajkot, Indore, Sholapur, Kohlapur, Bilaspur, Deesa, Khandwa, Akola, Panna and Hadapsar.

Eastern : Port Blair, Bhubneswar, Gaya, Patna, Ranchi, Behala, Belurghat, Jharsuguda, Malda, Jogbani, Muzafarpur, Raxaul, Chakulia and Asansol.

Southern : Trivandrum, Vishakhapatnam, Agatti, Hubli, Madurai, Mangalore, Pondicherry, Rajamundry, Salem, Tirupati, Trichy, Vijaywada, Tuticorin, Vellore, Coimbatore, Donakonda, Cuddapah, Mysore, Warrangal, Hassan and Nadirgul.

(b) and (c) It has been decided to restructure the airports of Airports Authority of India as and when found suitable through long term lease. The main reasons for doing so are to bring the standard of services at par with international standards; to improve management culture, efficiency and overall productivity; to unlock the potential for economic benefits arising out of well-managed airports and to attract private investment required for achieving the above objectives. At present, the airports located at Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata have been taken up for this exercise.

### Single Lane National Highways

170. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the details of single lane National Highways especially those passing through Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat; and

(b) the steps being taken for releasing funds from the Central Road Fund for converting such National Highways into double-lane?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) SHRI B.C. KHANDURI) : (a) About 40% of the National Highway network in the country is having single lane carriageway. The length of single lane National Highway passing through Uttar Pradesh is about 168 Km. on National Highway Nos. 19, 74 and 76. However, there is no single lane National Highway passing through Gujarat.

(b) No funds from CRF are being used for double-laning of National Highways. However, CRF is being used to supplement the financing of stretches included in the National Highways Development Project (NHDP).

### Internet Telephony

171. SHRI PRABHAT SAMANTRAY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 320 on March 19, 2001 regarding Internet Telephony and state :

(a) whether an expert group on legalisation of Internet telephony has submitted its report;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the time by which it is likely to submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) and (b) The Government had constituted a Group to review and make recommendations regarding opening up of Internet Telephony. The recommendations of the group as approved are as follows:

1. Interoduction of Internet Telephony may be considered after :

(i) Opening up of International Voice Telephony, and

(ii) Due process of consultation with Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI), and

(iii) Introduction of cost based tariff.

2. All types of Internet Telephony viz. Personal Computer (PC) to PC, PC to Phone and Phone to Phone should remain illegal till Internet Telephony is permitted.

3. Any licensed Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN)/ Public Land Mobile Network (PLMN)/ National Long Distance (NLD)/International Long Distance (ILD) operator, may be permitted to offer Internet Telephony services as per licence conditions of the respective services.

4. The Quality of Service may be defined based on International standard/experience.

5. Internet Service Providers (ISPs) should not be permitted to offer Internet Telephony.

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) and (b) above.

### Private Participation in Road Construction

172. SHRI C.N. SINGH : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the facilities proposed to be given to private entrepreneurs who have taken up the road construction activities;

(b) the roads are being constructed and operated under the private sector; and

(c) the efforts made/being made by the Government to encourage the private participation in road construction activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) SHRI B.C. KHANDURI) : (a) to (c) To encourage private sector participation in the road sector, Government has extended various incentives in the form of tax concession, duty free import of specified equipment, capital grant, permitting Foreign Direct Investment and external commercial borrowings. A statement giving details of 19 road projects under the Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) scheme involving an investment of about Rs. 946 crore is annexed. Besides, a project for four-laning of Tada-Nellore section of NH-5 and Ibrahimpatnam-Nandigama section of NH-9 of about Rs. 760 crore is to be executed on BOT basis under the Memorandum of Agreement signed between National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) and "CIDB Inventure" in Malaysia.

**Statement***Private Participation in Road Construction**List of BOT Projects Awarded*

S.No.	Project Name	NH No.	State	Length in Km.	Cost in crores	Date of signing	Likely/actual date of completion	current status
1.	*Thane-Bhiwandi Bypass	3&4	Maharashtra	24	103	12/09/95	31/12/2001	In progress
2.	Chalthan ROB	8	Gujarat	4 Lane ROB	10	19/9/96	15/07/1998	Completed
3.	Udaipur Bypass	8	Rajasthan	11	24	Jul-96	22/04/1998	Completed
4.	Construction of six Bridges	5	Andhra Pradesh	6 nos. bridges	50	09/04/97	30/04/2002	In progress 3 bridges completed
5.	Coimbatore Bypass	47	Tamil Nadu	33	90	03/10/97	3/12/1999	Completed
6.	Durg Bypass	6	Madhya Pradesh	18.4	68	05/11/97	Recently Completed	Completed
7.	Narmada Bridge	8	Gujarat	6	113	21/11/97	10/11/2000	Completed
8.	Nardhana ROB	3	Maharashtra	13	34.21	25/11/97	22/07/1999	Completed
9.	Patelganga Bridge & ROB	17	Maharashtra	1 no.	33.3	29/11/97	20/07/1999	Completed
10.	Hubli-Dharwar Bypass	4	Karnataka	30.35	68	05/02/98	05/11/2000	Completed
11.	Koratalaiyar Bridge	5	Tamil Nadu		30	28/10/98	April, 2001	Completed
12.	Kambatki Ghat Tunnel & Road	4	Maharashtra	8	37.8	16/11/98	01/09/2000	Completed
13.	Nasirabad ROB	6	Maharashtra	30m	10.45	16/11/98	15/07/2000	Completed
14.	Wainganga Bridge	6	Maharashtra	530m	32.6	16/11/98	May, 2001	In progress
15.	Mahi Bridge	8	Gujarat		42	16/11/98	April, 2000	Completed
16.	ROB at Kishangarh Bypass	8	Rajasthan	ROB	16.66	27/11/98	25/04/2000	Completed
17.	Bridge Across River Watrak	8	Gujarat		48.2	01/03/99	31/03/2001	Completed
18.	Moradabad Bypass	24	Uttar Pradesh	18	100	23/04/99	23/10/2001	In progress
19.	ROB at Derabassi	22	Punjab	ROB	35.76	08/09/99	07/09/2001	In progress
Total					946.98			

\* Original work since completed and opened to traffic. Widening to four lanes is in progress.

*[Translation]***Payment of Allowances**

173. DR. BALIRAM : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd. (MTNL) has paid all allowances to its Group C and D employees in Delhi and Mumbai;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the time by which these are likely to be paid?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) and (b) Except the hazardous and shift duty allowance, all allowances are being paid to Group C and D employees in MTNL. These are :

1. Dearness Allowance
2. House Rent Allowance
3. City Compensatory Allowance
4. Washing Allowance
5. Handicap Allowance
6. Cycle Maintenance Allowance
7. Children Education Allowance
8. Overtime Allowance
9. Food Allowance
10. Medical Allowance

(c) In respect of two allowances viz. Hazardous & shift duty allowance, the matter is under consideration.

*[English]***Construction of Khurda-Bolangir National Highway**

174. DR. PRASANNA KUMAR PATSANI : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether work on the Khurda-Bolangir National Highway has been delayed;

(b) if so, the reasons for delay in implementing the same; and

(c) the time by which work on the National Highway Khurda to Bolangir is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) SHRI B.C. KHANDURI) : (a) Khurda-Bolangir road is not a National Highway. Ministry of Road Transport & Highways is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

**Implementation of Forest Policy**

175. VAIDYA VISHNU DATT SHARMA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the latest forest policy of the Union Government is being implemented well all over the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor indicating the instances where the Forest land, National Parks land, Sanctuary land have been used for non-forestry purposes with area used in each category during 1994-95 to 1998-99, State-wise; and

(d) the action taken against the defaulter States?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) Yes, Sir. National Forest Policy of India was revised in the year 1988 and in line with it, the National Forestry Action Programme has been formulated for implementation to increase the forest/tree cover 33% of the geographical area of the country.

(b) The important basic objectives that govern the National Forest Policy are :

- (i.) Maintenance of environmental stability through preservation and, where necessary, restoration of the ecological balance that has been adversely disturbed by serious depletion of the forests of the country.
- (ii.) Conserving the natural heritage of the country by preserving the remaining natural forests with the vast variety of flora and fauna, which represent the remarkable biological diversity and genetic resources of the country
- (iii.) Checking soil erosion and denudation in the Catchment areas of the rivers, lakes, reservoirs in the interest of the soil and water conservation, for mitigating floods and droughts and for the retardation of siltation of reservoirs.

(c) and (d) The information is being collected from

different States of the country. On receipt of the information, it shall be laid on the Table of the House.

### **Night Landing Facilities at Jabalpur Airport**

176. SHRI VIRENDRA KUMAR : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Night landing facilities are not available at Jabalpur airport; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to provide Night landing facilities there?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) and (b) Night landing facilities are not provided at Jabalpur (Dumna) airport due to restrictions imposed by the Ministry of Defence as the airport is in very close proximity of sensitive defence installations.

### **Construction of National Highways**

177. SHRI DILIPKUMAR MANSUKHLAL GANDHI : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the target fixed for construction of National Highways in each State and Union Territory during 2001-2002;

(b) the amount allocated to each State and Union Territory from Central Pool;

(c) whether some priorities have been fixed for some States and Union Territories; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) SHRI B.C. KHANDURI) : (a) Statement-I giving details of physical targets for national highways during 2001-2002 is enclosed herewith.

(b) Statement-II giving details of funds allocated for development of national highways during 2001-2002 is enclosed herewith.

(c) and (d) For expediting development of national highway in the North-Eastern region which is backward region, 10% of the total budget allocation has been earmarked.

### **Statement-I**

#### *Physical Targets for National Highways during 2001-2002*

Sr. No.	Name of State	Imp. lowgrade (K.m.)	Widening single lane to two lanes (K.m.)	Strengthening weak two lanes (K.m.)	Widening to 4 lanes (K.m.)	Const. of Bypasses (Nos.)	Const. of major bridges (Nos.)	Const. of minor bridges (No.)	Imp. to Riding Quality (Kms.)	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1.	Andhra Pradesh	-	70.00	130.00	-	-	2	2	170.00	
2.	Assam	54.00	16.50	20.00	-	1	-	3	66.00	
3.	Bihar	-	30.00	-	-	-	2	5	100.00	
4.	Chandigarh	-	-	-	2.00	-	-	-	-	
5.	Chhatisgarh	-	3.60	5.00	2.00	-	1	2	115.00	
6.	Delhi	-	-	6.50	-	-	1	-	6.80	
7.	Goa	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	70.00	
8.	Gujarat	-	-	-	7.00	-	-	1	120.00	
9.	Haryana	-	12.00	16.00	4.00	-	-	4	80.00	
10.	Himachal Pradesh	6.00	25.50	-	-	2	2	6	30.00	

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
11.	Jammu & Kashmir	3.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	15.00	
12.	Jharkhand	-	20.00	2.00	-	-	2	2	100.00	
13.	Karnataka	-	74.00	37.00	-	1	-	9	170.00	
14.	Kerala	-	7.00	-	-	-	1	1	135.00	
15.	Madhya Pradesh	-	35.00	15.00	3.00	-	2	4	266.00	
16.	Maharashtra	-	6.40	32.00	19.00	1	1	14	360.00	
17.	Manipur	-	8.00	8.00	2.00	-	2	1	20.00	
18.	Meghalaya	-	8.00	5.00	-	-	-	3	34.30	
19.	Mizoram	8.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	30.00	
20.	Nagaland	16.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.00	
21.	Orissa	-	25.00	30.00	-	-	1	8	154.20	
22.	Pondicherry	-	-	3.57	-	-	-	-	18.40	
23.	Punjab	-	-	30.00	5.00	-	1	1	70.00	
24.	Rajasthan	-	120.00	1.50	5.00	-	3	2	354.00	
25.	Tamil Nadu	2.00	25.50	41.00	-	-	-	5	250.00	
26.	Uttanchal	-	5.00	6.00	-	-	-	-	70.00	
27.	Uttar Pradesh	-	23.00	50.00	2.00	2	2	4	154.00	
28.	West Bengal	-	-	-	2.00	-	5	5	-	
Total		89.00	514.50	438.57	53.00	8	28	82	2978.70	

**Statement-II**

*Allocation of funds for development of National Highways during 2001-2002*

Amount in Rs. Lakhs

Sl.No.	Name of States/UTs	NH(O) BE Allocation
1	2	3
1	Andhra Pradesh	9000.00
2	Assam	7000.00
3	Bihar	5500.00
4	Chandigarh	150.00

1	2	3
5.	Chhatisgarh	3000.00
6.	Delhi	1000.00
7.	Goa	2000.00
8.	Gujarat	8500.00
9.	Haryana	5500.00
10.	Himachal Pradesh	4700.00
11.	Jammu & Kashmir	400.00
12.	Jharkhand	2500.00

1	2	3
13.	Karnataka	7500.00
14.	Kerala	7500.00
15.	Madhya Pradesh	8000.00
16.	Maharashtra	10800.00
17.	Manipur	1800.00
18.	Meghalaya	2500.00
19.	Mizoram	1800.00
20.	Nagaland	1600.00
21.	Orissa	7000.00
22.	Pondicherry	200.00
23.	Punjab	4800.00
24.	Rajasthan	10000.00
25.	Tamil Nadu	9500.00
26.	Uttar Pradesh	12900.00
27.	Uttanchal	2000.00
28.	West Bengal	10538.00

#### **Installation of Common user Terminal at Airports**

178. SHRI CHANDRAKANT KHAIRE : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have installed Common-User Terminal Equipment at some airports of the country;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) the benefits that are available to air passenger with the installation of such equipment; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to instal similar equipment at other airports during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) and (b) The Common User Terminal Equipment (CUTE) facilities are provided by the international airlines based on the volume of traffic handled by each airlines. At Terminal 2-A of Chattrapati Shivaji International Airport, Mumbai, CUTE system has been installed in December, 1998

by M/s SITA on the request of the participating international airlines which share the expenditure of installation.

(c) In case of passenger terminals where limited number of check in counters are available, induction of CUTE system enables airlines to use larger number of check-in-counters, thus reducing queue lengths and check-in-time.

(d) Presently, international airlines at Indra Gandhi International Airport at Delhi have given acceptance in principle for provision of CUTE system. Formal decision by the respective international airlines is likely to be communicated to M/s SITA for installation of CUTE. International Airlines are considering installation of CUTE system at Chennai International airport too.

*[Translation]*

#### **Opening of Gandhinagar and Ojhar Airports**

179. SHRI UTTAMRAO DHIKALE : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to open the Gandhinagar and Ojhar airports located in Nasik (Maharashtra) for civilian flights; and

(b) If so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) and (b) Airports at Gandhinagar and Ojhar in Nasik in Maharashtra belong to the Ministry of Defence. Airports Authority of India has no plan at present to open these two airports for civil flights as no airline has indicated plan to operate civilian flights through these places.

*[English]*

#### **Takarimaishal Project in Maharashtra**

180. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the time since when the work on Takarimaishal Project in Maharashtra started;

(b) the original cost and the target fixed for completion of the project;

(c) the reasons for inordinate delay in completion of the project; and

(d) the estimated cost of the project after cost escalation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF

**WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY):**

(a) to (d) As per the information given by the Government of Maharashtra, the project was commenced in 1984 and 1987 respectively for the Takari and Maishal components. The original cost of the project was Rs. 82.43 crores for the Takari component which was administratively approved. The project was planned to be completed in 9 years. The revised cost of the project as per 1995-96 schedule of rates is Rs. 1321.12 crores for the whole project. The main reasons for delay in completion of the project is increase in scope of project and insufficient allocation of funds.

Further, the Takari Maishal project report has not been received in the Central Water Commission for techno economic appraisal and therefore does not have the investment clearance of the Planning Commission.

**Sharing of Krishna Water**

181. SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether there are long pending disputes relating to sharing of Krishna river water between the States;

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

(c) the steps taken by the Government to resolve the pending issues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY):

(a) to (c) Sharing of Krishna waters between the States of Maharashtra, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh has already been adjudicated by Krishna Water Dispute Tribunal in 1976.

[Translation]

**National Highways in Jharkhand**

182. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHAUDHARY :

PROF. DUKHA BHAGAT :

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the names of National Highways for which the work of widening, expansion and repair has been undertaken in the Jharkhand State since February 1997, till date;

(b) the time by which the such work on the remaining National Highways passing through Jharkhand is likely to be started; and

(c) the details of estimated expenditure and the expenditure actually incurred thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) SHRI B.C. KHANDURI) : (a) The work of widening, expansion and repair of National Highways-2, 6, 23, 32, 33, 78 & 80 passing through Jharkhand have been undertaken since February, 1997, as per the requirement and availability of funds.

(b) Development & maintenance of National Highways is a continuous process and is taken up depending upon the traffic needs, inter-se-priority and availability of funds.

(c) The details of estimated expenditure and expenditure actually incurred thereon after creation of Jharkhand state are as below :

Sl.No	Financial Year	Development Works		Maintenance work	
		Estimated Expenditure (Rs. in Crores)	Actual Expenditure (Rs. in Crores)	Estimated Expenditure (Rs. in Crores)	Actual Expenditure (Rs. in Crores)
1.	2000-2001	22.00	19.89	8.60	17.24
2.	2001-2002	25.00	4.16	17.32	3.05

[English]

**Channelisation of Water Supply Programmes**

183. SHRI P.D. ELANGO VAN : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the steps taken by the Government to channelize water supply programmes in the country; and

(b) the total availability of water and utility per annum thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY):

(a) Drinking Water supply being a State subject, the schemes for providing drinking water supply facilities are implemented by the State Governments from their own resources.



Government of India supplements the efforts of the States by providing financial assistance under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) and the Prime Minister's Gramodaya Yojana (PMGY)-Rural Drinking Water Component. Powers have been delegated to the States to plan, sanction and implement individual rural water supply schemes under the ARWSP and PMGY - Rural Drinking Water Component. The National Agenda for Governance (NAG) of the Government of India envisages provision of drinking water supply facilities to all rural habitations in the country by 2004. As per the Action Plans prepared by all the State Governments, this objective could be achieved subject to availability of funds. As per guidelines issued by Central Water Commission for "Provision of Drinking Water Supply in Multipurpose and Irrigation Projects", a provision is specifically made for drinking water supply, both for urban and rural, as one of the components of the project, wherever, there is no alternative source of drinking water.

(b) India receives an average annual precipitation of 4000 Billion Cubic Meter (BCM) which includes snowmelt. Out of this, 3000 BCM occurs during monsoon. As per the assessment of the Central Water Commission in 1993, the average annual flow in the river-systems of the country is assessed at 1869 BCM, out of which 1122 BCM is utilizable comprising of about 690 BCM as surface water and 432 as replenishable ground water. The utilization through surface and ground water in 1997 has been reported as 605 BCM.

Name of items	1998-99		1999-2000		2000-2001	
	Target	Achievement	Target	Achievement	Target	Achievement
Field Channel	1200	921	2005	468	10330	3814
Reclamation of waterlogged areas	975	0	975	2590	2500	3856

#### **Battery Operated Tower Telephones**

185. SHRIMATI SUSHILA SAROJ : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the names of places in Darbhanga district of Bihar where tower system based battery operated telephones have been installed;

(b) the number of said telephones remained out of order in the district as on date;

(c) whether the said system has not been successful;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

[Translation]

#### **Funds under CADP to Bihar**

184. SHRI RAJO SINGH : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the details of funds released by the Union Government to Bihar under Command Area Development Programme (CADP) during each of the last three years till date; and

(b) the target fixed and achievements made by the State Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) No central assistance under the centrally sponsored Command Area Development Programme (CADP) has been released to Bihar during the last three years i.e. 1998-99, 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and till date during 2001-2002 due to non submission of requisite utilization certificates of funds released as central assistance to the State in the past under the Programme.

(b) Details of targets set and achievements made during the years 1998-99 to 2000-2001 in respect of the main activities being undertaken i.e. field channels and reclamation of waterlogged areas, as reported by the State Government of Bihar are given below :-

(e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) The names of places in Darbhanga district of Bihar where tower system based battery operated (MARR System based) telephones have been installed are given in the enclosed statement.

(b) 126 MARR based telephones are out of order as on date.

(c) and (d) MARR technology did not prove successful due to following reasons :-

i) MARR technology was not found to be very reliable due to frequent failure of components.

ii) Non-availability of stable power supply in rural areas.

iii) Poor maintenance support from the vendors.

iv) Misuse of battery by the custodians.

v) Lack of attention by custodians.

(e) All steps are being taken to repair the faulty MARR systems and keep them operational. It has been planned to replace all MARR based telephones by Wireless-In-Local Loop (WLL) systems progressively commencing from the current year.

#### Statement

S.No.	Location
1	2
1	Bharhuli
2	Kora
3	Pipra
4	Katraul
5	Kalwara
6	Saboul
7	Paunad
8	Haripur
9	Rampatti
10	Bishoul
11	Budha
12	Baswarla
13	Bedouli
14	Hanuman Nagar
15	Rampur Rauli
16	Kanour
17	Rupauli Ghat
18	Maniyari

1	2
19	Basant
20	Ratwara
21	Saidpur
22	Husainabad
23	Rampur
24	Mahua
25	Bengha
26	Baswara
27	Kerba
28	Salimpur
29	Balwa
30	Andouli
31	Basuki Bihari
32	Garri Inerba
33	Pihwara
34	Ramnagar Karza
35	Mahwa
36	Patanla
37	Kuslam
38	Mitunia
39	Bisbigha
40	Sahasram
41	Dhakajari
42	Mayapur
43	Kanhauti
44	Bhrampatti
45	Saho
46	Baraidin

1	2
47	Kishanpur
48	Allhar
49	Dhanauli
50	Milki
51	Turnaul
52	Mirzapur
53	Balrampur
54	Pokhram
55	Dekulidham
56	Kahua
57	Matharahi
58	Sihaul
59	Korigama
60	Pabra
61	Mekna
62	Narain Dohat
63	Parri
64	Belhi
65	Majraha
66	Ahliwara
67	Habldih
68	Baijua
69	Khangrailha
70	Suhat
71	Biant
72	Koiha Wana
73	Nawiolia
74	Baghorba

1	2
75	Khegharaha
76	Berana
77	Chigari
78	Bisharia
79	Sumha
80	Khalasi
81	Sakhawa
82	Gamnaria
83	Madhuban
84	Bhadhar
85	Narainpur
86	Mahari
87	Ladiarni
88	Katwara
89	Singhia
90	Sanichara
91	Amahi
92	Usari
93	Jhagarua
94	Simraha
95	Jamalpur
96	Katwasa
97	Jaganathpur
98	Lohan/
99	Galma
100	Saunwa
101	Kothara
102	Chakla

1	2
103	Chhatauna
104	Delahi
105	Chanmana
106	Kamarpokhar
107	North Atihar
108	Amata
109	Basantpur
110	Asho
111	Hirani
112	Kasraur
113	Harauli
114	Pakahi
115	Mansara
116	Kewalgama
117	Kothani
118	Berai
119	Koilakand
120	Kachohna
121	Balari
122	Nawada
123	Bithauli
124	Sabri
125	Lalpur Shlv ram
126	Makarampur
127	Karwa
128	Bijulia
129	Adholwani
130	Dalwa

1	2
131	Kothlya
132	Fardaha
133	Batno
134	Brahmpur
135	Chataria
136	Kataka
137	Gram Panchayat Bhawan
138	Baghaul
139	Parri
140	Tardih
141	Shekhapura
142	Dumrallana
143	Baskatti
144	Naraon
145	Rasalpur
146	Lalshahpur
147	Bherlahi
148	Sarwana
149	Tirmuhani
150	Benibard
151	Susari
152	Sajhaur
153	Bhrampur
154	Bhachi
155	Neyam
156	Gorhari
157	Rajwara
158	Pak Tola

1	2
159	Basauli
160	Patory
161	Bharatpur
162	Garhia
163	Kamlabari
164	Bardaha
165	Jahangirtole
166	Khalurbara
167	Baingara
168	Noorchak
169	Chhachhua
170	Karyani

[English]

#### **Release of Water to Karnataka**

186. SHRI G. MALLIKARJUNAPPA :

SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJ :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have directed Maharashtra Government for release of water from Kalamwadi or Koyna dam into Krishna river to overcome water crises in Karnataka State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which Maharashtra Government is likely to release the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

#### **Production cost of Aluminium at NALCO**

187. SHRI SUNIL KHAN : Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the production cost of Aluminium per ton of NALCO is cheaper than production cost of Aluminium per ton in Australia;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for higher market price of Indian Aluminium than that of the Australian aluminium?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL) : (a) and (b) The cost of production of Aluminium per tonne in NALCO, India and Tomago, Australia during the year 2000 was \$ 1054 and \$ 1126 respectively as per the data of CRU International.

(c) NALCO's export sale price of metal is linked to London Metal Exchange price. The average price realised by NALCO per tonne of Aluminium metal for the financial year 2000-2001 in export market was US \$ 1584.

#### **Telephone Connection in Nagpur**

188. SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to launch the Wireless in Local Loop technology in Nagpur;

(b) if so, whether there is a long list of people waiting for new telephone connections in Nagpur circle and other cities in the Vidarbha region; and

(c) if so, the number of persons on the waiting list in the said circle and cities and the time by which the list is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) Yes, Sir. There is plan to provide Wireless in Local Loop technology in Nagpur during 2001-2002.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The details of persons in waiting list for provision of new telephone connections in Nagpur and other cities of Vidarbha region as on 30.6.2001 are given below:

City	Waiting list as on 30.6.2001
1	2
Nagpur	12961
Akola	4410
Amravati	4725
Bhandara	5033

1	2
Buldhana	3008
Chandrapur	4375
Gadchiroli	1175
Wardha	3475
Yeotmal	3846
<b>Total</b>	<b>43008</b>

It is planned to clear the pending waiting list progressively by March, 2002 subject to receipt of equipment and other materials in time.

[Translation]

#### Allocation for National Highway-87

189. SHRI JAI PRAKASH : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the amount allocated for the maintenance and upkeep of National Highway-87 in the current financial year;

(b) whether any proposal for the widening up of the narrow roads or reconstructing the bridges between Kathgodam and Nainital is lying pending with the Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which the aforesaid works are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) SHRI B.C. KHANDURI) : (a) Funds for the maintenance and upkeep of the NHs are allotted to the States as a whole during a particular year and not National Highway-wise. During the current year an amount of Rs. 669.36 lakhs has so far been allotted to the State of Uttaranchal and Rs. 2935.02 lakh to the State of Uttar Pradesh for the maintenance and repairs of NHs including NH 87 which falls in both these States.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

[English]

#### Promotion and Conservation of Wildlife

190. SHRI M.K. SUBBA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any new schemes for promotion and conservation of wild-life especially the Rhinos, the elephants and the wild cats in the forests reserves and sanctuaries in Assam and other North-East States have been launched on the World Environment Day, June 5, 2001;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the manner in which the population of these endangered species has varied during the past five years?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) and (b) No new scheme for wildlife conservation was launched on the World Environment Day. However, the Ministry of Environment and Forests has taken following initiatives for effective conservation of Elephants, Rhinos and other wildlife species in North-Eastern States :-

(i) 10% Budget allocation to the Ministry has been earmarked for North-Eastern States. The allocation during the current year 2001-2002 for Centrally sponsored schemes of wildlife are :-

Development of National Parks and Sanctuaries Rs. 600.00 lakhs

Project-Tiger Rs. 200.00 lakhs

Project Elephant Rs. 300.00 lakhs

(ii) The Government has approved that 100% financial assistance should be provided for both recurring and non-recurring expenditure including salary of incremental staff, in respect of National Parks and Sanctuaries which are habitats to endangered species.

(c) Estimated number of tiger, elephants and rhino in North-Eastern States during last two counts is given below :-

State	Tiger Population		Rhino Population		Elephant Population	
	1993	1997	1993	1996-99	1993	1997
Arunachal Pradesh*	180	180	-	-	2500	2102
Assam	325	458	1440	1684	5500	5312
Meghalaya	53	63	-	-	2750	1840
Mizoram	28	12	-	-	-	-
Nagaland*	83	83	-	-	-	147

\* Tiger census in Arunachal Pradesh and Nagaland have not been carried out in 1997. The census figures quoted by these States during 1993 has been incorporated in 1997 also.

**Direct Air Links from Europe and Gulf Region**

191. SHRI N.N. KRISHNADAS : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have received any representation from the Government of Kerala requesting for starting of direct air service from Europe and Gulf Region to the State; and

(b) If so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) and (b) Government of Kerala have requested the Government of India to consider the requests of various foreign airlines to operate services to/from Cochin International Airport. Out of the 9 airlines namely Oman Air, Kuwait Airways, Gulf Air, Sri Lankan Airlines, Qatar Airways, Emirates, Saudia, Singapore Airlines and Yemen Airways, who have expressed interest to operate services to/from Cochin, the Government of India has agreed to grant Cochin as a point of call in lieu of Chennai to Saudia as requested by them. A commitment has also been given to grant Trivandrum or Cochin as a point of call to Emirates by September 2002. Cochin has also been offered as a point of call to the designated airlines of Oman, Kuwait and Yemen subject to a commercial agreement with the designated airline of India.

**Vehicular Pollution**

192. DR. RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether as per study rural vehicles emit more pollution than urban vehicles;

(b) If so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether vehicular pollution in the rural areas is increasing day by day as a result thereof; and

(d) If so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) to (d) No such study has come to the notice of this Ministry. All vehicles are required to conform to the prescribed emission standards at manufacturing stage. The tractors are the most used vehicles in the rural areas and the Government has noticed separate emission standards for tractors which are effective from 1.10.1999. In view of the low vehicular density in rural areas and improved fuel quality, the acute vehicular pollution problems are not envisaged.

**Establishment of Rest Areas by NHAI**

193. PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Highway Authority of India has surveyed any place in Guntur for the establishment of a Rest Area;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the land acquired and funds allotted for this purpose; and

(d) the time by which the Rest Area is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) SHRI B.C KHANDURI) : (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Does not arise.

**Tendu Leaf Workers**

194. SHRI A. BRAHMANAIAH : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have conducted any study on the socio-economic position of tendu leaf workers in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the states in which study has been conducted; and

(d) the details of study made alongwith the name of the agency which conducted the said study?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

**Welfare of Beedi Workers**

195. SHRI ASHOK N. MOHOL :

SHRI RAMSHETH THAKUR :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the names of centrally sponsored welfare

schemes being implemented at present in Maharashtra for the welfare of Beedi workers;

(b) the funds allocated under these schemes during each of the last three years and current year;

(c) whether there is any proposal to issue identity cards to the Beedi workers;

(d) if so, the number of identity cards issued so far; and

(e) the time by which the remaining workers are likely to get their identity cards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL) : (a) Various welfare schemes being implemented in the country including Maharashtra are in the fields of health care, housing, education, social security and recreation under the Beedi Workers Welfare Fund Act, 1976 for the benefit of beedi workers and their dependants.

(b) The allocation of funds to Maharashtra under Beedi Workers Welfare Fund was Rs. 3.41 crore in 1998-99, Rs. 3.52 crore in 1999-2000 and Rs. 5.73 crore in 2000-2001. For the current year the allocation is Rs. 7.41 crore.

(c) to (e) In Maharashtra, identity cards to 2,04,407 beedi workers have been issued out of the estimated 2,56,000 beedi workers in the State. The issue of identity cards/identification of beedi workers is a continuous process.

#### **Construction of Dam on Mahanadi Basin**

196. SHRI IQBAL AHMED SARADGI :

SHRI G. MALLIKARJUNAPPA :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Karnataka Government propose to construct a dam on Mahadayi basin and channelise its water to the Malaprabha river;

(b) If so, whether a tripartite meeting of irrigation secretaries of Goa, Karnataka and Maharashtra has been convened by the Central Water Commission recently to thrash out the issue;

(c) if so, the outcome of the meeting arrived at;

(d) whether all the State Governments have submitted their reports to the Union Government; and

(e) if so, the extent to which the issue has been resolved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) to (e) Government of Karnataka have proposed to divert 7.56 TMC of waters of the inter-State Mahadayi river to Malaprabha basin which was objected to by the Government of Goa. To sort out the issue, the Central Water Commission convened an inter-State meeting of the representatives of Goa, Karnataka and Maharashtra on 29.5.2001. It was decided in the meeting that the CWC will carry out hydrological studies of the basin within 3 months to assess the virgin yield which is prerequisite for any inter-State agreement on water sharing.

[Translation]

#### **Illegal Diamond Mining**

197. SHRI PUNNU LAL MOHALE :

SHRI P.R. KHUNTE :

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that mines mafia are engaged in the illegal mining of diamond at Devbhog in Chhatisgarh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken against those found involved in such illegal mining; and

(d) the preventive steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL) : (a) to (d) Instances of illegal mining in different States are brought to the notice of Central Government from time to time. Responsibility for checking illegal mining if any, rests with the State Governments. Several provisions exist in the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 to curb illicit mining. Moreover, to further strengthen the provisions in this regard, under recently introduced Section 23C of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, State Governments have been empowered to make rules for preventing illegal mining, transportation and storage of minerals.

#### **Bird Hit-Incident**

198. SHRI SUNDER LAL TIWARI :

SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI :



DR. ASHOK PATEL :

DR. RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether an incident of bird hit with an aeroplane occurred in Delhi in May, 2001;

(b) if so, the Airlines to which it belonged to and the losses suffered therefrom;

(c) the number of incidents of bird hit occurred during the last three years and losses incurred therefrom; and

(d) the concrete steps taken by the Government to avoid such incidents in the future?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) Yes, Sir. Three incidents of bird hit took place involving Indian civil registered aircraft in Delhi during the month of May, 2001.

(b) Two aircraft of Air India and one of Indian Airlines were involved. Air India incurred a loss of Rs. 49,000/- in these two incidents while Indian Airlines did not incur any loss as there was no damage to the aircraft.

(c) Bird strikes data for the last three years for civil aircrafts at all airports in the country, is as follows :

Year	No. of bird hit incidents
1998	136
1999	121
2000	122

During the last three years i.e. from 1998 to 2000, the total loss to Air India and Indian Airlines due to bird hit incidents is Rs. 18.32 crores.

(d) Surveys around the airfields are carried out and appropriate measures are taken by the Airfield Environment Management Committee to check the sources of bird attraction. Besides, continuous efforts are made for scaring the bird and to remove the sources of bird attraction inside the airfields.

*[English]*

#### **Expansion of Airstrip of Gaya Airport**

199. MOHD. SHAHABUDDIN :

SHRI RAM PRASAD SINGH :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to expand the present airstrip at Gaya to facilitate Airbus 320 to land in order to boost the tourism at Buddhist places in Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the cost; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be completed and made operational?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) to (c) Airports Authority of India has taken up the following works at Gaya airport, which are likely to be completed by June, 2003.

(i) The strengthening of runway, expansion and strengthening of Apron, widening of approach road, at the cost of Rs. 15 crores.

(ii) Construction of new terminal building with modern passengers amenities to cater to 300 passengers at a time and car park area at an estimated cost of Rs. 17 crores.

*[Translation]*

#### **Children in Hazardous Industries**

200. SHRI MAHESHWAR SINGH : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that a large number of children are still working in Bhadohi Carpet Industry and Glass Industry despite the laid down rules and legislation in this regard;

(b) If so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of child labourers liberalised from hazardous industries and rehabilitated during the last three years, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

*[English]*

#### **Inchampalli Dam Project**

201. SHRI NARESH PUGLIA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra have agreed on the Inchampalli Dam Project of Andhra Pradesh and conveyed their acceptance to the Union Government;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the main issues involved therein; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Union Government to resolve the issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) to (d) The Central Water Commission constituted on 6th July, 2000, a High Level Committee under the Chairmanship of Member (WP&P), Central Water Commission with representatives from the Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra to resolve the inter-State issues involved in the Inchampalli Multipurpose project of Andhra Pradesh-viz submergence of land and displacement of population. The Committee has submitted its report to the Ministry of Water Resources on 26.6.2001 which has been forwarded to the 3 State Governments for their comments. The main recommendations of the Committee are that the State Governments may be requested to communicate their decision for a Full Reservoir Level (FRL) of 95 m for Inchampalli dam and that the Ministry of Water Resources may consider constitution of a Joint Control Board for the project.

#### **Air Miss Incident**

202. SHRI T.M. SELVAGANPATHI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

- (a) whether a near air-miss was reported on March 23, 2001 involving a scheduled Indian Airlines Airbus-320 Flight (IC-985) and a Lufthansa Boeing-Jumbo-747 freighter jet, 50 nautical miles east of Salem;
- (b) if so, whether any enquiry has been ordered in this regard;
- (c) if so, the findings thereof;
- (d) whether any directions have been issued in this regard; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) Yes, Sir. An airmiss incident occurred involving Indian Airlines flight IC-985 and the Lufthansa Cargo flight DLH-8414 on 22.3.2001.

- (b) The incident has been investigated by DGCA.
- (c) to (e) The investigation of the incident reveals that

Bangalore Approach/Area Traffic Controller had failed to recognise the traffic situation and take timely action. Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd., Bangalore, has been advised to take necessary action against the Approach Controller and Aerodrome Operator involved for their lapses and also take necessary steps to ensure proper coordination between Tower, Approach and Flight Coordination Centre at Bangalore Airport.

[Translation]

#### **Request of Foreign Airlines for Domestic Flights**

203. SHRIMATI RENU KUMARI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

- (a) whether some foreign companies have applied for starting domestic flights in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the decision taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (d) the air routes allocated or proposed to be allocated to these foreign companies?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

[English]

#### **100-Seater Passenger Aircraft**

204. SHRI CHANDRA BHUSHAN SINGH : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

- (a) whether any agreement has been reached between India and Russia for jointly designing a 100-seater passenger aircraft for the international market; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) and (b) A Heads of Agreement (HOA) has been signed on 6.6.2001 between Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. (HAL) and Consortium of 3 Russian Partners, Namely, (I) Federal State Unitary Enterprise "ROSOBORONEXPORT", (II) Ilyushin Aviation Complex (ILAC) and (III) Irkutsk Aviation Industrial Association (IAIA) to jointly prepare a detailed project report (DPR) to establish the viability of the multi role transport aircraft (MTA) project.

#### **World Bank Aided Irrigation Projects**

205. SHRI A. NARENDRA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the total aid sanctioned by the World Bank to the Agriculture Ministry for completion of irrigation projects to revamp irrigation system in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) the projects which are likely to be undertaken with this aid in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY):

(a) and (b) Two World Bank funded Projects namely Andhra Pradesh Irrigation Project-III and Andhra Pradesh Economic Restructuring Project (Irrigation Component) are being implemented with an assistance of US\$ 467 million for completion and rehabilitation of identified irrigation schemes. Srisailem Right Branch Canal and Sriram Sagar Project have been taken up for completion under the Andhra Pradesh Irrigation Project-III for which World Bank is providing an assistance of US \$ 325 million. This project also comprises agriculture support services, rehabilitation and resettlement programme, environmental management programme and dam safety works. The Andhra Pradesh Economic Restructuring Project (Irrigation Component) with assistance of US \$ 142 million comprises of minimum rehabilitation works of ten major, sixty three medium and a number of minor irrigation schemes. It also includes agricultural intensification programme, institutional support to Irrigation and Command Area Development Deptt. and Water Users Association and System Improvement and Farmers turnover.

#### **International Labour Conference**

206. SHRI RAM MOHAN GADDE :

SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHI :

SHRI SHIVAJI MANE :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the International Labour Conference (89th session) was held recently in Geneva;

(b) if so, the details of discussions held and the outcome thereof;

(c) whether a new set of safety standards for agricultural workers has been adopted in the conference;

(d) if so, the details in this regard; and

(e) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL) : (a) Yes, Sir. The 89th Session

of the International Labour Conference was held in Geneva from 5th-21st June, 2001.

(b) The Issues relating to Safety and Health in Agriculture, Social Security, and Promotion of Cooperatives formed the agenda items for discussion during the Conference.

(c) to (e) The issue of Safety and Health in Agriculture was discussed for the second and final stage leading to the adoption of a Convention supplemented by a Recommendation with an overwhelming majority. This Convention and Recommendation stressed on the preventive, protective and welfare measures to be taken for the health and safety of agricultural workers.

India had supported and welcome the proposed Convention on Safety and Health in Agriculture. The formal intimation of the adoption of the instruments as also their texts are yet to be received from the ILO.

#### **Discharge of Sewage into Yamuna**

207. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY :

SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE :

SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether about 2,500 MLD of sewage is flowing daily into the river Yamuna in Delhi, of which only 1,270 MLD is being treated presently and the rest of the sewage is pouring into the river, despite the Supreme Court orders to ensure treatment of the entire drain-water and industrial effluents before the same flows into the river;

(b) if so, the reasons for non-compliance of the Apex Court directions; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) to (c) Sewage generation at present in Delhi is about 2770 mld and a capacity to treat 1827 mld has been created. However, due to the problem of silting of trunk sewerage system and non-availability of adequate quantity of sewage in some of the sewage treatment plants, only about 1590 mld of the created capacity of 1827 mld is presently utilised. The remaining 1180 mld of sewage out of the total sewage 2770 mld is discharged into the Yamuna untreated. Government, through the Ministry of Urban Development, in its affidavit dated 08.11.2000 filed in the

Supreme Court, submitted an Integrated Action Plan for clearing of river Yamuna which is to be implemented by the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi. The Integrated Action Plan consists of the following major activities :

- (i) Increase in sewage treatment capacity
- (ii) Sewering of regularised unauthorised colonies
- (iii) Refurbishing of the trunk sewerage system
- (iv) Removal/relocation of jhuggies from the Yamuna river banks and the drains
- (v) Construction of 15 common effluent treatment plants.

The Supreme Court in its order dated 10.04.2001 has directed the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi to indicate the steps to be taken in order to ensure attaining of the required water quality in the river Yamuna by 31.3.2003. In compliance to the above directions of the Court, the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi has submitted the following schedule :

(i) The Delhi Jal Board is to create a treatment capacity of 2326 mld by the year 2002. It has projected total treatment capacity requirement of 3298 mld in 2006 and 3661 mld in 2011. Accordingly, it plans to create these capacities by 2005 & 2010 respectively.

(ii) Desilting, rehabilitation of trunk sewers and laying of sewer lines in unauthorised/regularised colonies, resettlement colonies, urban villages subject to technical feasibility, replacement of undersized sewers are planned to be completed by 2005.

(iii) The number of jhuggies on the river banks and drains has been revised by the Slum and Jhuggie Jhopri Wing of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi from 62000 to approximately 75000. The removal/relocation of these jhuggies will be dependent on the availability of land the resources.

(iv) All the proposed 15 common effluent treatment plants presently under construction will be completed by December, 2002.

(v) The Delhi Jal Board has also prepared an action plan for connecting storm water drainage into sewerage system to prevent flow of untreated waste water into river Yamuna.

#### **Refund of Lost Tickets**

208. DR. JASWANT SINGH YADAV : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian Airlines propose to change the refund rules of the lost tickets;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Consumer Forum has given any suggestion to the Indian Airlines in this regard;

(d) If so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken by the Indian Airlines thereon?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The National Commission on Consumer Disputes Redressal, New Delhi while passing order in favour of Indian Airlines in a case of refund against lost ticket made an observation that the Rule of no refund against lost ticket is archaio in today's situation when there is explosion in communication and spread of vast computer network in the country.

(e) The present level of automation communication and computerisation of the passenger transactions in Indian Airlines is not sufficient to provide, without the possibility of misuse by unscrupulous persons intending to cause loss of revenue, spot refund in the case of lost domestic tickets.

Indian Airlines makes refund against lost domestic ticket within a specified period after completion of necessary formalities. Refund against lost international ticket is, however, made on the spot.

[Translation]

#### **Availability of Water through River Basins**

209. DR. SUSHIL KUMAR INDORA :

SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have made any assessment in regard to the availability of additional water during monsoon through river basins in the country; and

(b) if so, the capacity of water reservoirs constructed on the rivers of each basin for storage of water and the quantum of water that goes wastage in each basin?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF

**WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY):**  
 (a) and (b) India receives an average annual precipitation of 4000 Billion Cubic Metre (BCM) which also includes snow-melt. Out of this, 3000 BCM occurs during monsoon. As per the assessment of the Central Water Commission (CWC) in 1993, the average annual flow in the river-systems of the country is assessed at 1869 BCM, out of this 1122 BCM is utilizable comprising of about 690 BCM as surface water and 432 as replenishable ground water. In addition, about 200 to 250 BCM can be utilized through inter-basin water transfer from the surplus river basins to the deficit river basins. Upto

1995, a live storage capacity of 177 BCM has been created by construction of large dams in the country. Besides, projects to add an additional storage capacity of about 75 BCM are under construction and for 132 BCM are under planning. In addition, water has also been diverted into canals by constructing barrages/weirs etc. for utilization of river waters for various purposes. The utilization through surface and ground water in 1997 has been reported as 605 BCM. The average annual availability of water and the live storage capacity of reservoirs in major river basins in the country is given in the statement.

### Statement

#### *Basin-wise Storage In India (in billion cubic metre)*

Sl.No.	Name of the River Basin	Average Annual Flow	Live Storage Capacity			
			Completed Projects	Projects under construction	Total	Projects under Consideration
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Indus (Up to Border)	73.30	13.83	2.45	16.29	0.27
2	a) Ganga	525.02	36.84	17.12	53.96	29.56
	b) Brahmaputra & Barak	585.60	1.09	2.40	3.49	63.35
3	Godavari	110.54	19.51	10.65	30.16	8.28
4	Krishna	78.12	34.48	7.78	42.25	0.13
5	Cauvery	21.36	7.43	0.39	7.82	0.34
6	Pennar	6.32	0.38	2.13	2.51	
7	East Flowing rivers between Mahanadi to Godavari & Krishna to Pennar)	22.52	1.63	1.45	3.08	0.86
8	East flowing rivers between Pennar & Kanyakumari	16.46	1.42	0.02	1.44	
9	Mahanadi	66.88	8.49	5.39	13.88	10.96
10	Brahmani & Baitarni	28.48	4.76	0.24	5.00	8.72
11	Subernarekha	12.37	0.66	1.65	2.31	1.59
12	Sabarmati	3.81	1.35	0.12	1.47	0.09
13	Mahl	11.02	4.75	0.36	5.11	0.02
14	West flowing rivers of Kutch, Saurashtra including Luni	15.10	4.31	0.58	4.89	3.15

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
15	Namada	45.64	6.60	16.72	23.32	0.47
16	Tapi	14.88	8.53	1.01	9.54	1.99
17	West flowing rivers from Tapi to Tadri	87.41	7.10	2.66	9.76	0.84
18	West flowing rivers from Tadri to Kanyakumari	113.53	10.24	2.31	12.55	1.70
19	Area of inland drainage in Rajasthan	Neg.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
20	Minor river basins draining into Bangladesh & Myanmar	31.00	0.31	0.00	0.31	0.00
Total		1869.35	173.73	75.42	249.15	132.32

Note :

- 1 Projects having a live storage capacity of 10 million cubic metre and above only are included.
- 2 An additional live storage capacity of 3 billion cubic metre (approx.) is estimated to be created through Medium Projects each having a capacity of less than 10 million cubic metre making a total live storage capacity of 177 billion cubic metre in completed projects.
- 3 Total may not tally due to rounding off.

[English]

#### **Sports Policy for Pakistan**

210. SHRI SHIVAJI MANE :

SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHI :

SHRI RAM MOHAN GADDE :

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have recently changed its sports policy towards Pakistan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the cricket team was not allowed to play matches with Pakistan earlier; and

(d) If so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PON RADHA-KRISHNAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The cricket team has not been allowed to play bilateral matches with Pakistan as it was decided by the Government that under prevailing circumstances it would be inappropriate for the Indian cricket team to participate in two-nation tournament between India and Pakistan.

#### **Deregulation of Domestic Air Services**

211. SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) has sought deregulation of domestic air services to stimulate growth of regional airlines and increase connectivity of areas that are remote and need economic development;

(b) if so, whether CII have presented a reform agenda to the Government in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the other steps suggested by CII in their agenda for promotion of tourism and rationalization of aviation turbine fuel etc; and

(e) the steps taken or being taken by the Government on the recommendations of the CII?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) to (c) In a colloquium on air connectivity organised by Confederation of Indian Industry on 30.1.2001 at Chennai, liberalisation of air services have been recommended so as to develop services on regional and shorthaul and feeder routes.

(d) CII has pointed out that the present cost of ATF and AVGAS is detrimental to the aviation industry.

(e) Recommendation of the CII have been taken into account while formulating the new Civil Aviation Policy.

#### **Upgradation of Madurai Airport**

212. DR. V. SAROJA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the present status of upgradation of Madurai Airport;

(b) the total funds allotted for the purpose; and

(c) the time by which the work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) to (c) Airports Authority of India (AAI) has plans to construct a new terminal building for 400 passengers and extension and strengthening of runway from 5900 ft. to 7500 ft. for AB-320 class of aircraft operations. Work is likely to be taken up after the required land is handed over by State Government to AAI. Since the project is at preliminary stage, no definite fund requirements can be sanctioned at this stage nor a specific time frame can be given for the completion of the project.

*[Translation]*

#### **Cabinet Sub-Committee for C.R.F.**

213. RAJKUMARI RATNA SINGH : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Cabinet-Sub-Committee constituted in regard to central road funds has submitted his report;

(b) If so, the details thereof and the date on which this report was submitted; and

(c) the reasons for not taking any action in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF

ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) SHRI B.C. KHANDURI) : (a) to (c) No Cabinet Sub-Committee on the Central Road Fund had been constituted by the Government. However, Central Road Fund Act, 2000 has already been enacted in December, 2000.

*[English]*

#### **Construction of Kannur Airport**

214. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have taken further steps for the establishment of the proposed Kannur Airport;

(b) if so, the present status thereof;

(c) whether the Airports Authority of India has approached the State Government to get land; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) to (d) State Government of Kerala had made a proposal for construction of a new greenfield airport at Kannur under private sector participation. However, in view of divergence of views on technical aspects of the techno-economic feasibility report submitted by the State Government and the report of high level team of Ministry of Civil Aviation, it has been decided that a committee of experts may re-examine the proposal including technical feasibility, safety of operations and impact of the proposed airports on the financial viability of the neighbouring airports. State Government has been requested to nominate an officer to the Expert's Committee. No communication has been received from the State Government in this regard.

*[Translation]*

#### **Ban on Mining from Environmental View**

215. SHRIMATI JAS KAUR MEENA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) the area in the country where mining has been banned, State-wise; and

(b) the steps being taken for effective implementation of the Act in this regard for environmental view point?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) and (b) Mining within 2 km. of Surajkund and Badkhal Lakes (tourist complexes) in Haryana

has been banned in compliance with the Supreme Court orders in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 4677 of 1985. A permanent check post manned by the officials of Mines, Sales Tax and Police Departments of the Government of Haryana has been set up near the outer periphery of the prohibited area to ensure that no illegal mining takes place.

Restriction on mining operations in ecologically sensitive regions such as the Doon Valley (Uttanchal), Dahanu and Murad-Janjira (Maharashtra), and Coastal Regulation Zones has been imposed. Mining projects of major minerals with lease area of more than 5 ha. require prior clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental Impact Assessment Notification of 1994.

[English]

#### **Guidelines under Coastal Regulation Zone**

216. SHRI SUBODH MOHITE : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have received any complaints for non implementation of the guidelines for coastal development under Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) by various State Governments;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action proposed by the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government has received complaints from various Non-Governmental Organisations and individuals, regarding violation of Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) Notification, 1991 in the coastal States of Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa, Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Orissa and West Bengal.

(c) The Government has constituted the National Coastal Zone Management Authority and Coastal Zone Management Authorities for each of the coastal States/Union Territories under the provisions of the Environment (Protection)

Act, 1986. These authorities are empowered to look into the violations and take necessary action under the relevant provisions of the Environment (protection) Act, 1986.

[Translation]

#### **Telecom Facilities**

217. SHRI CHANDRESH PATEL :

SHRI BABUBHAI K. KATARA :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there are still waiting list for telephone connections in Gujarat particularly Jamnagar and Dahod districts of the State;

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

(c) the number of telephone connections provided during the last three years and till date; district-wise;

(d) the number of telephone connections proposed to be provided during 2001-2002;

(e) the number of telephone exchanges set up in Jamnagar and Dahod districts during the last three years and till date, city-wise; and

(f) the expenditure incurred thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) and (b) There is 238974 waiting list in Gujarat Telecom Circle as on 30/6/2001. The waiting list of Jamnagar and Dahod revenue district are as under :-

Jamnagar 10190

Dahod 3609

(c) New connections provided in Gujarat Telecom Circle during last three years and till date district-wise are :

S.N.	SSA	Revenue District covered	New Tel. Connections provided during			
			98-99	99-00	00-01	Upto June, 01
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Ahemdabad	Ahemdabad Gandhinagar	36627	90757	83429	7947 1888



1	2	3	4	5	6	7
2	Amreli	Amreli	7289	8560	16146	2055
3	Bharuch	Bharuch	10006	11269	16098	1244
		Narmada				0
4	Bhavnagar	Bhavnagar	11059	13143	20483	1300
5	Bhuj	Kutch	12630	10419	15042	989
6	Godhra	Punhmalal	4502	6020	13344	1090
		Dahod				515
7	Jamnagar	Jamnagar	9807	10651	16598	2435
8	Junagarh	Junagarh	15693	26402	32313	-536
		Porbandar				-435
		Diu (UT)				2
9	Mehsana	Mehsana	15852	26527	33131	6349
		Pattar				0
10	Nadiad	Khera	14011	15243	33803	2199
		Anand				2068
11	Palanpur	Banaskantha	9160	11787	15700	2422
12	Rajkot	Rajkot	26868	27018	32101	1643
13	Surat	Surat	26463	38600	57458	6237
14	Surendernagar	S'Nagar	5809	6307	11237	2374
15	Himmatnagar	Sabarkantha	6301	13438	18194	4065
16	Vadodra	Vadodra	24853	35200	33369	4401
17	Valsad	Valsad	20458	22681	28355	1701
		Navsari				1088
		Dang				31
		Daman (UT)				540
		DNH (UT)				178
Total			257387	374121	476800	53791

(d) The details are as under please :

S.No.	Name of SSA	DELs Target	1	2	3
1	2	3	6	Godhra	19136
1	Ahmedabad	64967	7	Himmatnagar	21239
2	Amreli	14442	8	Jamnagar	20302
3	Bharuch	12263	9	Junagadh	28423
4	Bhavnagar	15135	10	Nadiad	25363
5	Bhuj	8815	11	Mehsana	39925
			12	Palanpur	24363

1	2	3
13	Rajkot	30859
14	Surat	70388
15	Surendranagar	16242
16	Vadodra	24820
17	Valsad	29318
Total		466000

(e) The name of cities where new exchanges set up in Jamnagar and Dahod district during the last three years and till date are as under :-

Year	Jamnagar		Dahod	
	No. of Exchs.	Name of Cities	No. of Exchs.	Name of Cities
1	2	3	4	5
98-99	Nil	—	1	Bandibar
99-00	2	Medi, Rinari	1	Velanwada
00-01	25	Hansthal	6	Balaiya
		Keshi		Ukhrelli
		Samor		Bordi
		Dudhai		Kadwai
		Bhogal		Morakhedi
		Bagadhara		Pethapur
		Bhandaria		
		Fatsar		
		Haripur		
		Khirasara		
		Rajpara		
		Vanana		
		Chandragarh		
		Daltunganj		
		Laliyali		
		Majoith		

1	2	3	4	5
		Motinagajar		
		Sanosari		
		Mansar		
		Makajimeghpar		
		Motabhadukiya		
		Laloi		
		Kajurada		
		Pipartoda		
		Paradva		
Upto June 01	Nil	—	1	Chosala

(f) Rupees 15.3 Cores approximately.

[English]

#### Production at BALCO

218. SHRI J.S. BRAR : Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the production at Bharat Aluminium Company Limited (BALCO) has since been normalised;

(b) if so, the loss of production of Aluminium and man hours during the agitation period against the disinvestment of BALCO; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure optimum level of production of Aluminium at BALCO?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL) : (a) No, Sir. There are 408 pots in the Smelter Plant of BALCO. Out of them only 375 pots have been brought back in to production. The quality of the material produced continues to be of low purity.

(b) The loss of production of Aluminium during agitation period is 18906 Metric Tonnes. The man hours loss during the agitation period is 20,30,568.

(c) Innovative methods of restarting of the pots have been adopted by BALCO management. Steps have been taken to motivate the employees to put forth their best in bringing the plant back to normalcy on war footing basis.

**Telecom Infrastructure**

219. SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have made any assessment of present telecom infrastructure in regard to Information Technology (IT) revolution;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether present telecom facility is inadequate to IT boom; and

(d) if so, the steps mooted by the Government to enhance the facilities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) to (c) The demand for domestic bandwidth is being met by the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. (BSNL) and international bandwidth by Videsh Sanchar Nigam Ltd. (VSNL) within a reasonable time frame. The demand for internet connections is being met by a large number of Internet Service Providers in the country. Thus the present telecom infrastructure is adequate to meet the demand of Information Technology (IT) sector.

(d) Necessary steps are being taken by the Government to ensure that adequate telecom facility is available to the IT industry. Some of these steps include :

(i) No restriction on the number of operators in Telecom Services such as Basic, Internet, Very Small Aperture Terminal (VSAT), Voice Mail, National Long Distance (NLD) and global Mobile Personal Communication System (GMPCS).

(ii) Under National Long Distance Policy, there are two categories of infrastructure Providers (IP) namely IP-I who can provide assets such as dark fibres, right of way, duct space etc. and IP-II who can provide end to end bandwidth.

(iii) Internet Service Providers (ISPs) have been permitted to set up International Gateways for Internet using satellite and submarine cable medium after getting security clearance. ISPs setting up International Gateways for Internet have been permitted to sell bandwidth to other ISPs.

(iv) A bandwidth Advisory committee consisting of eminent personalities of IT and Telecom Industry has been set up to advise Department of Telecommunications (DOT) on the steps to be taken to ensure that bandwidth is available on demand.

(v) Setting up of National Internet back bone by BSNL to carry Internet traffic.

(vi) Commissioning of Sanchar Sagar Project by BSNL providing large bandwidth across major cities.

**Optical Fibre Cable**

220. SHRI SURESH RAMRAO JADHAV :

DR. JASWANT SINGH YADAV :

SHRI RAJO SINGH :

SHRI JAI PRAKASH :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have set any target to connect telephone exchanges with Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) during 2001-2002;

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

(c) the number of telephone exchanges proposed to be linked with OFC by the end of the Ninth Five Year Plan, State-wise;

(d) the number of telephone exchanges connected with optical fibre cable in the country as on date, State-wise;

(e) the number of telephone exchanges are in progress; and

(f) the time by which these are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) No, Sir, however as per NTP 99 Department of Telecommunications has planned to connect all the exchanges in the country with reliable media which includes Microwave, Satellite and Optical Fibre Cable by March, 2002 depending upon geographical location and technical feasibility for the concerned exchange. After Formation of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) it is also following New Telecom Policy 1999 (NTP, 1999), and plan to give reliable media to all exchanges by March, 2002.

(b) The exchanges planned to be connected with Optical Fibre Cable during the year 2001-2002 is given in the enclosed statement-I.

(c) and (d) State-wise details of number of exchanges proposed to be linked with Optical Fibre Cable by the end of Ninth Five Year Plan and number of telephone exchanges connected with Optical fibre cable in the country as on date are given in enclosed statement-II.

(e) Work for Optical fibre connectivity for total 3798 telephone exchanges is in progress.

(f) All the telephone exchanges are likely to be connected with reliable media by March, 2002.

**Statement-I**

S.No.	Telecom Circle	No. of exchanges to be connected by OFC during the year 2001-2002
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	472
2.	Andaman & Nicobar	15
3.	Assam	40
4.	Bihar	169
5.	Jharkhand	125
6.	Gujarat	556
7.	Haryana	70
8.	Himachal Pradesh	273
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	77
10.	Karnataka	575
11.	Madhya Pradesh	1240
12.	Chhattisgarh	295
13.	Kerala & Lakshadweep Islands	26
14.	Maharashtra & Goa	1974
North East-I		
15.	Meghalaya	16
16.	Mizoram	9
17.	Tripura	6
North East-II		
18.	Arunachal Pradesh	7
19.	Manipur	3
20.	Nagaland	5

1	2	3
21.	Orissa	143
22.	Punjab	455
23.	Rajasthan	847
24.	Tamil Nadu & Pondicherry	345
25.	Uttar Pradesh	950 (UPE-800 and UPW-150)
26.	Uttaranchal	95
27.	West Bengal, Sikkim	615

**Statement-II**

S.No.	Telecom Circle	No. of Exchanges proposed to be linked by OFC by end of Ninth Five Year Plan	No. of exchanges connected with OFC in the country as on date
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2469	1997
2.	Andaman & Nicobar	30	15
3.	Assam	277	237
4.	Bihar	659	490
5.	Jharkhand	356	227
6.	Gujarat	2020	1484
7.	Haryana	776	706
8.	Himachal Pradesh	577	304
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	204	127
10.	Karnataka	2221	1646
11.	Madhya Pradesh	2238	998
12.	Chhattisgarh	474	179
13.	Kerala	974	948
14.	Maharashtra & Goa	3627	1653

1	2	3	4
<b>North East-I</b>			
15.	Meghalaya	26	10
16.	Mizoram	16	7
17.	Tripura	8	2
<b>North East-II</b>			
18.	Arunachal Pradesh	13	6
19.	Manipur	9	6
20.	Nagaland	9	4
21.	Orissa	927	784
22.	Punjab	1122	667
23.	Rajasthan	1808	961
24.	Tamil Nadu & Pondicherry	1662	1317
25.	Uttar Pradesh	2550 (UPE-1900 & UPW-650)	1600 (UPE-1100 & UPW-500)
26.	Uttanchal	267	172
27.	West Bengal, Sikkim	1159	544

[Translation]

#### **Out of Order Telephone Exchanges**

221. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether several telephone exchanges in Jharkhand and Bihar are out of order for the last several months;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to make them operational?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) and (b) Telephone exchanges in Jharkhand and Bihar are generally functioning satisfactorily. However, 9 exchanges in Jharkhand and 3 exchanges in Bihar are faulty due to interruption on

overhead lines, equipment/antenna faults and damage by extremist.

(c) The following steps are being taken to make them operational :-

(i) OFC media has been planned in place of overhead lines.

(ii) Repair of faulty antenna/lines.

(iii) Installation of new exchange in replacement of burnt exchange.

#### **Optical Fibre facility in Bihar**

222. SHRI DINESH CHANDRA YADAV : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry had taken a decision to connect the Simari Bakhtiyarpur-Tellahat and Saharsa-Balwahat telephone exchanges in Bihar with optical fibre by March, 2001;

(b) if so, the reasons for not commencing the work within stipulated period; and

(c) the time by which this work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The work could not commence due to non availability of Optical Fibre Cable.

(c) The work is likely to be completed by March, 2002.

[English]

#### **Revision of Pay on NALCO Executives**

223. SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO : Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether there have been a demand for revision of pay scales on IDA pattern for executive of NALCO; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government for meeting the said demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The revised pay scales for executives have since been implemented in NALCO.

[Translation]

#### **Assistance to Flood Affected States**

224. SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the number of States affected by famine and floods during the last three years; and

(b) the details of the financial assistance provided by the Union Government to the State Governments during the said period, year-wise and State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY):

(a) No. of States affected due to flood during the years 1998, 1999 and 2000 are 16, 14 and 9 respectively. No. of States affected due to drought like situation during the years 1998, 1999 and 2000 are 5, 11 and 9 respectively.

(b) The Planning Commission allocates funds for plan works in the States during each annual Plan. The details of outlays under Flood Control Sub Sector approved for the States during the last 3 financial year i.e. 1998-99, 1999-2000 & 2000-01 are given in statement-I. The details of central assistance either in the form of grant or Central Loan Assistance (CLA) are also indicated in statement-I. The details of central share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) released during the years 1998-99 to 2000-01 are given in statement-II. The details of assistance provided to the States during 1998-99 to 2000-01 from NFCR/NCCF for heavy rains/floods and drought are given in statement-III. The assistance provided from National Fund for Calamity Relief (NFCR)/National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) is in addition to released of Central Share of CRF.

#### **Statement-I**

##### *State-wise outlays and Central Assistance under Flood Control Sub Sector*

(Rs. in crore)

Sl. No.	Name of State/UT	1998-99		1999-2000		2000-2001	
		Outlay	Assistance	Outlay	Assistance	Outlay	Assistance
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	Andhra Pradesh	20.27	-	42.00	-	63.00	-
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	4.61	-	4.25	-	3.50	-
3.	Assam	20.27	18.00(cia)	27.57	15.00 (cia)	3.40	Nil
4.	Bihar	63.00	3.33	110.00	5.18	103.00	13.522
5.	Goa	0.60	-	0.85	-	1.20	-
6.	Gujarat	5.00	-	5.00	-	5.30	-
7.	Haryana	23.40	-	20.00	-	20.00	-
8.	Himachal Pradesh	5.74	-	8.12	-	7.90	-
9.	Kerala	24.00	-	24.00	-	22.50	-
10.	Maharashtra	1.16	-	0.99	-	0.70	-
11.	Meghalaya	3.00	-	3.00	-	3.00	-
12.	Mizoram	0.00	-	0.00	-	0.00	-

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
13.	Orissa	15.00	-	12.63	-	2.00	-
14.	Punjab	182.83	-	105.39	-	142.00	-
15.	Rajasthan	4.93	-	3.35	-	1.90	-
16.	Sikkim	0.50	-	0.02	-	1.30	-
17.	Tamil Nadu	0.80	-	17.77	-	22.10	-
18.	Uttar Pradesh	20.00	0.44	23.53	0.46	51.20	5.75
19.	West Bengal	145.90	-	165.30	-	130.90	6.50
20.	Chandigarh	0.00	-	0.00	-	0.00	-
21.	Delhi	24.00	-	20.00	-	21.30	-
22.	Lakshadweep	0.00	-	3.05	-	3.10	-
23.	Pondicherry	3.00	-	4.00	-	4.00	-
24.	Uttaranchal	-	-	-	-	-	1.00

## Statement-II

*State-wise Details of Central Share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) released during 1998-99 to 2000-01*

(Rs. In Crore)

Sl. No.	Name of State	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	103.30	107.69	148.54
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	5.86	6.10	9.02
3.	Assam	41.60	43.37	76.12
4.	Bihar	43.22	33.79	50.22
5.	Chhattisgarh	-	-	20.60
6.	Goa	0.89	0.93	0.47
7.	Gujarat	116.12	121.05	131.14
8.	Haryana	20.84	21.73	60.98
9.	Himachal Pradesh	22.42	23.37	32.61
10.	J & K	16.39	17.09	26.18
11.	Jharkhand	-	-	42.52
12.	Karnataka	34.81	36.29	55.93

1	2	3	4	5
13.	Kerala	46.08	48.04	17.34
14.	Madhya Pradesh	42.49	44.29	46.98
15.	Maharashtra	56.73	44.36	117.90
16.	Manipur	2.06	1.61	1.56
17.	Meghalaya	2.32	2.42	2.95
18.	Mizoram	1.05	1.10	1.12
19.	Nagaland	1.41	1.47	0.53
20.	Orissa	40.77	42.50	103.65
21.	Punjab	45.04	46.96	92.04
22.	Rajasthan	148.92	155.25	196.00
23.	Sikkim	3.92	4.08	2.95
24.	Tamil Nadu	49.37	51.47	76.98
25.	Tripura	3.74	3.90	1.41
26.	Uttaranchal	-	-	7.10
27.	Uttar Pradesh	104.07	108.50	32.08
28.	West Bengal	42.69	44.50	75.83
Total		996.11	1011.86	1430.75

**Statement-III**

*Statewise details of Assistance provided during 1998-99 to 2000-01 from NFCR/NCCF  
in the wake of heavy rains/floods and drought*

(Rs. in Crore)

Sl. No.	Name of State/UT	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	26.50	75.36	-
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	13.47	-	2.00
3.	Assam	59.90	-	-
4.	Bihar	11.45	38.18	29.67
5.	Chhattisgarh	-	-	40.00
6.	Goa	-	-	-
7.	Gujarat	-	54.58	85.00



1	2	3	4	5
8.	Haryana	13.27	-	-
9.	Himachal Pradesh	-	-	8.29
10.	J & K	-	73.42	-
11.	Jharkhand	-	-	-
12.	Karnataka	39.78	17.09	-
13.	Kerala	-	-	-
14.	Madhya Pradesh	35.00	38.86	35.00
15.	Maharashtra	-	-	-
16.	Manipur	-	4.93	-
17.	Meghalaya	-	-	-
18.	Mizoram	-	6.00	-
19.	Nagaland	-	-	-
20.	Orissa	-	828.15**	35.00
21.	Punjab	-	-	-
22.	Rajasthan	21.98	102.93	85.00
23.	Sikkim	-	-	-
24.	Tamil Nadu	-	-	-
25.	Tripura	5.05	5.34	-
26.	Uttaranchal	-	-	-
27.	Uttar Pradesh	104.00	-	-
28.	West Bengal	66.33*	29.52	103.25

NFCR - National Fund for Calamity Relief

NCCF - National Calamity Contingency Fund

\* For Floods/Landslides

\*\* For Floods/Cyclones

[Translation]

#### **Extension of Lease Period for Mining**

225. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE : Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the lease period for open mining and minor mining areas in various States including Maharashtra has been extended;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the employment avenues likely to be created in mining sector in various States including Maharashtra, especially in Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe areas during 2000;

(d) whether any time limit has been prescribed for granting sanction for the lease, its renewal and transfer; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL) : (a) and (b) Following the amendments in the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 in January, 1994, the lease period for all major minerals (minerals other than minor minerals defined under section 3(e) of the Act) has been enhanced from maximum of twenty years to thirty years which is applicable to all States including the State of Maharashtra. The lease period for minor minerals is governed by the Minor Mineral Concession Rules of the respective State Governments.

(c) Segregated information regarding employment avenues in mining sector in various States including Maharashtra especially in Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe areas are not maintained as such. As per information available with Indian Bureau of Mines, a subordinate office of the Ministry of Mines, the SC/ST dominated areas where mining work is being undertaken are Amravati, Bhandara,

Chandrapur, Gadchiroli, Gondia and Nagpur in the State of Maharashtra; Balaghat, Betul, Chhindawara, Dhar, Jhabua, Khargaon and Seoni in the State of Madhya Pradesh; and Jashpur, Korba, Janjgir, Champa, Kanker, Dantewara, Raigarh, Rajnandgaon and Durg in the State of Chhattisgarh.

(d) and (e) The existing provisions of Mineral Concession Rules, 1960 do not prescribe any time limit for granting sanction of mining lease, its renewal and transfer.

[English]

#### **Direct Air Services to Tirupati from Metropolitan Cities**

226. SHRI B.K. PARTHASARATHI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to provide direct air services to Tirupati from all the metropolitan cities of the country within a time-frame;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) to (c) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government at present. Airline operators are, however, free to provide services on any sector subject to compliance of route dispersal guidelines and commercial viability.

However, Indian Airlines, as per their present schedule, connects Tirupati to Hyderabad and Chennai by twice weekly A-320 services. The services from other metros to Tirupati can be availed via these points.

[Translation]

#### **Foreign Tours**

227. DR. BALIRAM : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of foreign tours undertaken by the officers and employees of the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) during the last three years and till date;

(b) the amount involved therein;

(c) the details of the benefits accrued from said officers and employees to MTNL after returning from tour; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to stop sending the non-technical employees on foreign tour and to check the increasing expenditure therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) The number of foreign tours undertaken by the officers and employees of MTNL are follows :

- |                                  |   |     |
|----------------------------------|---|-----|
| 1. During last three years       | - | 178 |
| 2. During current year till date | - | 25  |

(b) The amount spent is as follows :

1. During last three years - Rs. 215.58 lakhs
2. During current year till date - Rs. 36.76 lakhs

(c) The employees were deputed on foreign tour from time to time for participation in exhibitions, conferences, financial negotiations, meetings, testing of equipment, factory, inspections etc. Few Officers were provided Management related training and training in the CDMA WLL System being installed in MTNL Delhi. Nominations to these visits is made where it is felt that participation is absolutely essential in the interest of the Company and would benefit the Organisation, as a whole.

(d) It may not be possible to stop sending non-technical staff on foreign tour. This is because employee in non-technical disciplines like Finance, PR & Marketing, Legal etc. are required to be sent for attending exhibitions/conferences/seminars etc. where their expertise is more relevant to the purpose of the visit. The employee to be sent is decided on case to case basis, depending on the purpose for which the foreign visit is proposed.

[English]

#### **Degradation of Natural Environmental and Ecological Balance**

228. VAIDYA VISHNU DATT SHARMA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether in bio-diversity India has gone down to tenth position from second position after Brazil in 1996-97; and

(b) if so, the measures taken to halt the accelerated process of degradation of natural environmental and ecological balances in the country?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) In 1990, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) World Resource Institute and World Wildlife Fund, identified twelve countries as megabiodiversity countries. The concept of megabiodiversity is based upon the species richness and endemism levels. The ranking among these twelve countries has been done on the basis of the number of species of flowering plants. As per this ranking, India occupies the tenth position. There has been no change in the ranking till now.

(b) Does not arise.

#### **Domestic Organised Workers**

229. SHRI VIRENDRA KUMAR : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have a proposal to provide legal protection to the domestic unorganised workers all over the country;

(b) whether any guidelines are proposed to be prescribed for each State to make legislation for the purpose;

(c) If so the details thereof; and

(d) the details of other steps being taken by the Government to stop the exploitation of these unorganised.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNILALL) : (a) to (d) At present Government have no proposal to provide legal protection to domestic unorganised workers by way of enacting a law for regulation of their service conditions. Such workers, however, form part of the unorganised sector and the issue of suggesting an umbrella legislation for ensuring a minimum level of protection to the workers in the unorganised sector is one of the Terms of Reference of the Second National Commission on Labour set up on 15.10.1999.

[Translation]

### Telephone Towers

230. SHRI DANVE RAOSAHEB PATIL : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of telephone towers set up in Maharashtra at present, district-wise;

(b) the details of telephone towers being constructed in Jalana district of Maharashtra by the Department of Telecommunications; and

(c) the time by which these towers are likely to start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) The total number of telephone towers in Maharashtra is 587. The district wise details is enclosed in the statement.

(b) Three numbers of 40 meters narrow base towers are planned for construction in Jalna district in this financial year. The construction works of two towers at Warud (BK) and Sukhapuri have already been completed and that for third tower at Jalna HQ is in progress.

(c) The radio equipments on these towers are likely to start functioning by March, 2002.

### Statement

#### *District-wise Tower set-up details*

Sr. No.	Name of District	Total number of Towers
1	2	3
1	Ahmednagar	32
2	Akola	7
3	Amravati	18
4	Aurangabad	23

1	2	3
5	Beed	19
6	Bhandara	6
7	Buldhana	14
8	Chandhapur	21
9	Dhule	14
10	Gadchiroli	14
11	Jalgaon	21
12	Jalna	14
13	Kalyan	16
14	Kolhapur	23
15	Latur	22
16	Nagpur	13
17	Nanded	41
18	Nasik	31
19	Osmanabad	13
20	Parbhani	14
21	Pune	55
22	Raigad	11
23	Ratnagiri	17
24	Sangli	22
25	Satara	17
26	Sindhudurg	13
27	Solapur	20
28	Wardha	11
29	Yeatmal	17
30	Gondia	9
31	Nandurbar	5
32	Hingoli	6
33	Washim	8
Total		587

MR. SPEAKER : The House stands adjourned to meet tomorrow, July 24, 2001 at 11.00 hrs.

11.23 hrs.

*The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock on Tuesday, July 24, 2001/Sravana 2, 1923 (Saka)*

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