

Simultaneously, the Reserve Bank of India, Department of Supervision (Financial Companies) Calcutta has also been kept informed.

Setting up of Super Thermal Power Plant in Bihar

2818. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have considered the setting up of a super thermal power plant at Nabinagar in Bihar;

(b) if so, the progress made so far in conducting the feasibility studies and preparing the project report; and

(c) the steps the Government propose to take for early completion of the project?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) National Thermal Power Corporation Limited has initiated action for preparation of the feasibility report for Nabinagar mega power project and the tender for EIA studies package has been awarded. Tenders for other packages namely geo-technical investigation and topographical survey are in advanced stages for finalisation of award.

(c) Power Grid Corporation of India had issued the notice inviting tender for this project on 18th August, 1997 and due to inadequate response, the last date of sale for tender document was extended to 31st December, 1997. As the response continued to be poor even after the extension, it was decided not to pursue this tender.

[Translation]

Amount for Gujarat from Central Road Fund

2819. SHRI MAHESH KANODIA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated for Gujarat out of the Central Road Fund during the last three years; and

(b) the details of the works carried out by Gujarat in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) The amount allocated to Gujarat from Central Road Fund is as follows:

S.No.	Year	Amount allocated (Rs. in lakhs)
1.	1995-96	139.00
2.	1996-97	114.00
3.	1997-98	116.00

(b) During the last three years a total number of 4 works at an estimated cost of Rs. 340 lakhs and C.R.F. share of Rs. 329.70 lakhs have been sanctioned to the State of

Gujarat. The responsibility of execution of various works sanctioned under C.R.F. lies with the concerned State Govts.

Speed Post Facility

2820. SHRI SURENDRA PRASAD YADAV (JAHANABAD): Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the names of cities/towns where Speed Post facility is available in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): The names of the cities/towns where Speed Post facility is available in the country are mentioned in the list enclosed as Statement-I On National Network and Statement-II Point to Point Service.

Statement-I

Speed Post Service available National Network

1. Agartala
2. Agra
3. Ajmer
4. Ahmedabad
5. Allahabad
6. Acomissionemritsar
7. Aluva (Alwaye)
8. Bangalore
9. Bhopal
10. Bhubaneswar
11. Calcutta
12. Calicut
13. Chandigarh
14. Coimbatore
15. Cuttack
16. Dehradun
17. Delhi
18. Dhanbad
19. Faridabad
20. Gangtok
21. Gandhinagar
22. Gorakhpur
23. Gurgaon
24. Guwahati

25. Gwalior
26. Hyderabad
27. Hubli-Dharwad
28. Howrah
29. Hosur
30. Imphal
31. Indore
32. Jaipur
33. Jalandhar
34. Jammu
35. Jamshedpur
36. Jodhpur
37. Kanchipuram
38. Kanpur
39. Kochi
40. Kollam
41. Kottayam
42. Lucknow
43. Ludhiana
44. Madras
45. Madurai
46. Mangalore
47. Meerut
48. Moradabad
49. Mumbai
50. Mysore
51. Nagpur
52. Nasik
53. Patna
54. Panaji
55. Pondicherry
56. Pune
57. Raipur
58. Rajpur
59. Ranchi
60. Salem
61. Shillong

62. Shimla
63. Silchar
64. Siliguri
65. Srinagar
66. Surat
67. Tirupati
68. Tirupur
69. Thiruvananthapuram
70. Trichi
71. Trissur
72. Udaipur
73. Udupi
74. Vadodara
75. Varanasi
76. Vijayawada
77. Visakhapatnam
78. 56 APO
79. 99 APO

Statement-II

Point to point Speed Post Service is available in the following cities and towns.

Sl.No.	Circle/State	Cities
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1. Anantapur
		2. Cudapah
		3. Eluru
		4. Guntur
		5. Kurnool
		6. Kakinada
		7. Khammam
		8. Kothagudem
		9. Karimnagar
		10. Machilipatnam

1	2	3	1	2	3
		11. Mahabubnagar			8. Girdih
		12. Mancherial			9. Gaya
		13. Neilore			10. Katihar
		14. Nizamabad			11. Jehanabad
		15. Nalgonda			12. Motihari
		16. Ongole			13. Munger
		17. Prashantilyam			14. Muzaffarpur
		18. Rajamundry			15. Purnea
		19. Tanku			16. Siwan
		20. Tenaly	4. Delhi		Nil
		21. Warangal	5. Gujarat		1. Anand
2. Assam	1.	Bongaigaon			2. Morbi
	2.	Diphu			3. Silvassa & Daman
	3.	Dhubri			4. V.V. Nagar
	4.	Dibrugarh			5. V.U. Nagar
	5.	Gargata	6. Haryana		1. Ambala Cantt.
	6.	Golaghat			2. Ambala
	7.	Hailakhandi			3. Bhiwani
	8.	Halfong			4. Hissar
	9.	Jorhat			5. Jind
	10.	Kokrajhar			6. Karnal
	11.	Karimganj			7. Kurushetra
	12.	Mangaldoi			8. Kaithal
	13.	Nalbari			9. Panchkula
	14.	North Lakhimpur			10. Panipat
	15.	Nowagaon			11. Rohtak
	16.	Tinsukia			12. Sonipat
	17.	Sibsagr	7. Himachal Pradesh		1. Baddi
3. Bihar	1.	Arah			2. Bllaspur
	2.	Begusarai			3. Chamba
	3.	Bettiah			4. Dalhousie
	4.	Bhagalpur			5. Dhramshala
	5.	Bokaro Steel City			6. Hamirpur
	6.	Bihar Sharif			7. Kasauli
	7.	Darbhanga			8. Kullu

1	2	3	1	2	3
		9. Mandi			4. Irinjalakuda
		10. Manali			5. Kannur
		11. Nahan			6. Manjeri
		12. Palampur			7. Palakkad
		13. Parwanoo			8. Pathanamthitta
		14. Rampur			9. Triuvalla
		15. Recong Peo	11. Madhya Pradesh	1. Jabalpur	
		16. Solan		2. Durg	
		17. Sundernagar		3. Bhilai	
		18. Theog		4. Bilaspur	
		19. Una		5. Raigarh	
8. J&K		1. Udhampur		6. Jagdalpur	
9. Karnataka		1. Ananthpur		7. Sagar	
		2. Belgaum		8. Ujjain	
		3. Bellary		9. Khajuraho	
		4. Bidar		10. Devas	
		5. Bijapur		11. Mhow	
		6. Chikmagalur		12. Dhar	
		7. Chitradurga		13. Pithampur	
		8. Davangere		14. Khandwa	
		9. Gulbarga		15. Ambikapur	
		10. Hassan		16. Vidisha	
		11. Karwar		17. Katni	
		12. Kolar		18. Rajnandgaon	
		13. Medikeri		19. Rewa	
		14. Mandya		20. Satna	
		15. Manipai		21. Seoni	
		16. Puttur		22. Mandla	
		17. Raichur		23. Balaghat	
		18. Shimoga		24. Sahdol	
		19. Tumkur		25. Sidhi	
		20. Shantiniketan		26. Chindwara	
10. Kerala		1. Agathy (Lakshadweep)		27. Betul	
		2. Alleppy		28. Birlagram Nagda	
		3. Chalakudy		29. Jaora	

1	2	3	1	2	3
		30. Khargone			30. Miraj
		31. Mandsour			31. Nanded
		32. Nephanager			32. Osmanabad
		33. Neemuch			33. Panvel
		34. Ratlam			34. Pen
		35. Mangalla			35. Panchgani
12. <i>Maharashtra</i>	1.	<i>Allbag</i>			36. Pandharpur
	2.	<i>Ahmednagar</i>			37. Parbhani
	3.	<i>Amravti</i>			38. Roha
	4.	<i>Aurangabad</i>			39. Ratnagiri
	5.	<i>Akola</i>			40. Satara
	6.	<i>Bhayandar</i>			41. Shirdi
	7.	<i>Bhandara</i>			42. Sholapur
	8.	<i>Beed</i>			43. Sangli
	9.	<i>Bhusaval</i>			44. Thane
	10.	<i>Chandrapur</i>			45. Vashi
	11.	<i>Chiplun</i>			46. Vasai
	12.	<i>Chakan</i>			47. Virar
	13.	<i>Dehu Road Cantt.</i>			48. Wardha
	14.	<i>Dhule</i>			49. Yeotmal
	15.	<i>Ichakaranji</i>	13. <i>North East</i>		
	16.	<i>Jejuri</i>		<i>Arunachal Pradesh</i>	1. <i>Itanagar</i>
	17.	<i>Jalna</i>			2. <i>Naharlaguin</i>
	18.	<i>Jalgaon</i>		<i>Meghalaya</i>	3. <i>Tura</i>
	19.	<i>Khandala</i>		<i>Mizoram</i>	4. <i>Aizawl</i>
	20.	<i>Karad</i>			5. <i>Lunglei</i>
	21.	<i>Kopergaon</i>			6. <i>Kolasib</i>
	22.	<i>Kolhapur</i>		<i>Nagaland</i>	7. <i>Kohima</i>
	23.	<i>Latur</i>			8. <i>Dimapur</i>
	24.	<i>Lote</i>	14. <i>Orissa</i>		1. <i>Angul</i>
	25.	<i>Lonavala</i>			2. <i>Bargarh</i>
	26.	<i>Mahad</i>			3. <i>Burla</i>
	27.	<i>Mira Road</i>			4. <i>Bhawanipatna</i>
	28.	<i>Mahabaleshwar</i>			5. <i>Bolangir</i>
	29.	<i>Malagaon</i>			6. <i>Belpahar</i>

1	2	3	1	2	3
		7. Bhadrak			8. Pali
		8. Berhampur			9. Sriganaganagar
		9. Belasore	17. Tamil Nadu		1. Annamalai Nagar
		10. Baripada			2. Bodinayakannur
		11. Chatrapur			3. Kuddalure
		12. Damonjodi			4. Dindigul
		13. Dhenkanal			5. Dharmapuri
		14. Dopalpur			6. Erode
		15. Jharsuguda			7. Krur
		16. Jeypure			8. Karaikudi
		17. Jatni			9. Kumbakonam
		18. J.K. Pur			10. Kovilpatti
		19. Korapur			11. Mayiladuthurai
		20. Khurda			12. Nayveli
		21. Kaniha			13. Nagapttinam
		22. Phulbani			14. Nagercoil
		23. Paradeep			15. Pudukottai
		24. Puri			16. Paramakudi
		25. Rayagada			17. Pollachi
		26. Rourkela			18. Pattukottai
		27. Sambhalpur			19. Rajaplayam
		28. Sunabeda			20. Ramanathapuram
15. Punjab		1. Bhatinda			21. Sivaganga
		2. Hoshiarpur			22. Sivakashi
		3. Kapurthala			23. Tiruvannamalai
		4. Pathankot			24. Thanjavur
		5. Patiala			25. Trunelveli
		6. Rajpura			26. Tuticorin
16. Rajasthan		1. Alwar			27. Theni
		2. Bharatpur			28. Vellore
		3. Bikaner			29. Villupuram
		4. Jaisalmer			30. Virudhunagar
		5. Kota	18. Uttar Pradesh		1. Aligarh
		6. Mount Abu			2. Azamgarh
		7. Pilani			3. Bahraich

1	2	3
		4. Balrampur
		5. Ballia
		6. Barabanki
		7. Bareilly
		8. Barhni
		9. Bhadohi
		10. Basti
		11. Deoria
		12. Faizabad
		13. Ferozabad
		14. Gonda
		15. Ghaziabad
		16. Haridwar
		17. Hardoi
		18. Haldwani
		19. Jhansi
		20. Kheri
		21. Khalilabad
		22. Kotdwar
		23. Mathura
		24. Modinagar
		25. Mau
		26. Manakpur
		27. Mussoorie
		28. Muzaffar Nagar
		29. Nainital
		30. Noida
		31. Pauri
		32. Pillbhit
		33. Pratapgarh
		34. Raibareli
		35. Rampur
		36. Roorkee
		37. Saharanpur
		38. Sahajahanpur

1	2	3
		39. Sitapur
19.	West Bengal	1. Asansol
		2. Berhampur
		3. Burdwan
		4. Chinsurah
		5. Darjeeling
		6. Durgapur
		7. Haldia
		8. Ichapur - Nababganj
		9. Jalpaiguri
		10. Kharagpur
		11. Port Blair (A&N Island)
		12. Shanti Niketan

[English]

**Increase in Telecast Time of
Regional Service on Doordarshan**

2821. SHRI RAMPAL UPADHYAY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to increase the telecast time of regional service on Doordarshan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Prasar Bharati has already decided to extend the time for regional programmes from 1st April, 1998. Necessary instructions have also been issued to the Kendras in this regard. The regional Kendras can now start programmes in their respective languages from 2.30 p.m. instead of 4.30 p.m.

[Translation]

**Construction of Four Lane Roads and
Bypass on N.H. No. 17**

2822. SHRI RAMSHETH THAKUR: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to change National Highway No. 17 connecting Goa with Mumbai in Maharashtra into four lane roads;

(b) if so, the details thereof;