

Statement-II

The number of villages to be provided with Telephone facility in the State during 1998-99

Sl. No.	Name of the District	No. of Villages yet to be provided telephones	No. of Villages proposed to be provided during 1998-99
1.	Bangalore	938	325
2.	Mysore	378	278
3.	Dharwad	10	10
4.	Belgaum	34	34
5.	Shimoga	305	205
6.	Kodagu	93	25
7.	Uttara Kannada	99	99
8.	Gulbarga	47	47
9.	Raichur	159	59
10.	Tumkur	1010	300
11.	Kolar	1635	300
12.	Hassan	923	470
13.	Davangere	208	196
14.	Mandya	350	100
15.	Chickmagalur	52	52
	Total	6241	2500

Performance of Literacy Mission

3682. SHRI A. GANESHAMURTHI:

SHRI VAIKO:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Literacy Mission in Tamil Nadu has failed to achieve the desired success; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Since its inception in May, 1998 National Literacy Mission has adopted the mass campaign approach for achievement of functional literacy in the country. Total Literacy Campaigns (TLC) and Post Literacy Campaigns (PLC) are the two district based literacy campaigns targetting the total illiterate population of the district.

All 29 districts of Tamil Nadu have been covered by TLC

and 23 districts have also launched their PLC. The TL Campaigns provide the basic functional literacy to an illiterate learner. PL Campaigns are intended to consolidate the fragile skill of the neo-literate and orient him towards self-learning and using his new learning to actual life situations.

The TLCs in Tamil Nadu had a target of 89.57 lakh learners identified through actual field survey. 79.70 lakh learners were enrolled in various Total Literacy campaigns and 60.01 lakh learners have completed Primer-III, i.e., have acquired literacy skills. These figures would indicate that 66.99% of identified illiterate learners have passed Primer-III and acquired literacy. It can therefore be said that literacy campaigns have yielded very satisfactory results in Tamil Nadu.

37.48 lakh neo-literates have been enrolled under various Post-Literacy activities.

(b) Does not arise.

Widening of National Highways in West Bengal

3683. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any proposals for improving and widening of the National Highways in West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which these proposals would be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) So far no such proposal has been received in the current Financial Year.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

New Telephone Exchanges in Rajasthan

3684. COL. SONA RAM CHOUDHARY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up new telephone exchanges in Rajasthan particularly in Western Rajasthan;

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

(c) whether some of the existing telephone exchanges in Rajasthan proposed to be expanded and modernised;

(d) if so, details thereof, district-wise; and

(e) the amount earmarked for the current financial year for the purpose?

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

(b) District-wise details are placed in the attached Statement-I.