

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>Type of Electronic exchange</i>	<i>Nos.</i>
1	2	3
5.	C-DOT 512 Port	31
6.	512 Port ILT	33
7.	E SAX 200L PAM	83
8.	C-DOT 128 Port	109
9.	MILT 64 Port	376
10.	E-10B	4

Work on providing electronic Exchanges already in progress at eleven exchanges.

[English]

Modernisation of Telecommunications Network In Saurashtra Region

7295. SHRI PRAKASH KOKO BRAHMBHATT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken steps to modernise the telecommunications network in Saurashtra region by linking up a number of towns by the latest digital system;

(b) if so, the main features of the digital system;

(c) whether the system is based on Japanese technology;

(d) to what extent the communications between the Rajkot and Morvi and between Gandhidham and Bhuj will be improved by introduction of this new system;

(e) whether Government propose to extend such link with other major towns of

Saurashtra;

(f) whether another new digital system based on optic fibre technology is going to be introduced in linking Rajkot and Jamnagar; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main features of the digital systems are:

(1) They provide high grade and more reliable communication circuits as compared to analogue systems.

(2) It is possible to introduce ISDN (Integrated Services Digital Network) with these systems later on.

(c) The digital systems which are currently being used in the Department are now procured from indigenous sources. Some of these sources obtained transfer of technology.

ogy from foreign collaborators including Japan.

(d) The digital microwave system has been commissioned between Rajkot and Morvid during March '90. Analogue microwave system presently working between Gandhidham and Bhuj is proposed to be replaced by digital microwave system during the 8th Plan. These digital systems shall provide 480 numbers of high grade circuits. There are also plans for augmenting this capacity in future by installing 1920 channel optical fibre link between these places

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) Yes, Sir.

(g) It is proposed to instal an optical fibre link of 1920 circuits between Rajkot and Jamnagar.

[*Translation*]

Automatic Telephone Exchange In Napsari

7296. SHRI KASHIRAM CHHABILDAS RANA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set up an automatic exchange of seven thousand lines in Napsari (Gujarat); and

(b) if so, the time by which this exchange is likely to be set up and the present position in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Allotment of an electronic automatic exchange has been made and the exchange will be set up in 1992-93, but this is subject to availability of equipment in time.

[*English*]

Postal Stamp in Honour of Late Shri Pasumpon Muthuramalinga Thevar

7297. SHRI R. MUTHIAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government will consider a long pending demand to release a postal stamp in the Honour of Late Shri Pasumpon Muthuramalinga Thevar, the reputed Freedom Struggle Leader in Tamil Nadu; and

(b) if so, whether Government consider to release to stamp at least on his coming birth anniversary on 30 October of this year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) and (b). A Philatelic Advisory Committee functions in the Department to advise the Government regarding issue of commemorative, special postage stamps and other related matters. This proposal was placed before the committee, for consideration, at its meetings held on 25.5.1987 and 22.12.88 but it could not figure among those recommended by the Committee.

This matter will be placed before the committee again, for consideration, at its next meeting.

Out of Turn Telephone Connections

7298. SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new telephone connections sanctioned out of turn of priority basis during the month of September, October and November, 1989; and

(b) the grounds on which these tele-