

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) Plans for enhancement of telephone exchange capacity in the district of Cuddapah, Chittoor and Anantapur for the year 1998-99 are given below:—

| Name of the District | Capacity enhancement Planned |
|----------------------|------------------------------|
| Cuddapah | 16848 |
| Chittoor | 42984 |
| Anantapur | 25564 |

Plans are made on yearly basis. Plans for the year 1999-2000 for enhancement of telephone exchange capacity will be made in due course based on waiting list and demand.

(b) The district-wise waiting list as on 31.10.98 is given below:—

| District | Total waiting list |
|-----------|--------------------|
| Cuddapah | 4838 |
| Chittoor | 12530 |
| Anantapur | 6123 |

(c) The number of new lines planned for release during 1998-99 are given under:—

| District | New lines target |
|-----------|------------------|
| Cuddapah | 7000 |
| Chittoor | 15500 |
| Anantapur | 8500 |

(d) Orders have been placed and supplies are being made progressively.

(e) Question does not arise.

Supervision of rural telecom package

2077. SHRI V. P. DURASAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have appointed any monitoring authority to supervise the implementation of rural telecom package announced in November, 1995 to achieve the target of providing subsidised telephone services to rural people in a large scale;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) to (c) The Rural Telecom Package announced in November, 1995 envisaged concessional tariffs, enhanced free calls, lower registration fee and rental etc. to rural subscribers. The various features as envisaged in the package have been extended to all eligible place in the country.

However, there were no specific targets with regard to the package and no separate monitoring authority was appointed.

Non-availability of Pin Code books and stamps

2078. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pin Code books, Re 1/- and 50 paise stamps are not available in various sub-post offices in the country especially in Andhra Pradesh and Bihar; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to help poor people who face delay in delivery in the absence of Pin Code in sub-post offices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) There is no shortage of Pin Code books, Stamps of Re. 1/- and 50 paise denomination in various sub-post offices in the country especially in Andhra Pradesh and Bihar.

(b) Does not arise as per (a) above.

उत्तर प्रदेश में ग्रामीण पी.सी.ओ. हेतु मशीनें

2079. श्री मुनव्वर हसन: क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि उत्तर प्रदेश के विभिन्न जनपदों के गांवों में ग्रामीण पी.सी.ओ. लगाने के लिए टावर लगा दिए जाने के बावजूद मशीनें आज तक नहीं लगाई गई हैं;

(ख) ऐसे कौन-कौन से जनपद हैं जहां एक वर्ष से अधिक समय से टावर लगे हुए हैं लेकिन मशीनें आज तक नहीं लगाई गई हैं;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि आजमगढ़ जनपद के कम्मरपुर गांव में लगभग दो वर्षों से टॉवर लगा पड़ा है लेकिन विभाग द्वारा मशीन उपलब्ध नहीं कराई गई है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो सरकार मशीनें तत्काल उपलब्ध कराने के लिए क्या कदम उठा रही है?

संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री कबीन्द्र पुरकायस्थ):

(क) जी, हां। पूर्वी उत्तर प्रदेश के कुछ जिलों में, टॉवर लगा दिए गए किन्तु ग्रामीण पी.सी.ओ. में मशीनें अभी नहीं लगाई गई हैं।

(ख) इटावा, उन्नाव, फिरोजाबाद, गोरखपुर और बस्ती कुछ ऐसे जिले हैं जहां टॉवर पहले ही लगा दिए गए थे किन्तु कुछ आपूर्तिकर्ताओं द्वारा उपस्करों की आपूर्ति न किए जाने के कारण और ग्रामीण सार्वजनिक टेलीफोन की लोकेशन कस्टोडियन के बारे में विवाद के कारण भी ग्रामीण पी.सी.ओ. मशीनें नहीं लगाई जा सकीं।

(ग) उत्तर प्रदेश के आजमगढ़ जिले के कम्मरपुर गांव में एक पी.सी.ओ. पहले ही उपलब्ध कराया गया है।

(घ) आवश्यक मशीनों/उपस्करों का प्रबंध किया जा रहा है। ग्राम पंचायत-बी.डी.ओ. द्वारा की जाने वाली सिफारिशों में विलंब को कम करने के लिए लोकेशन/कस्टोडियन का निर्णय करने संबंधी मार्गदर्शनों में पहले ही संशोधन किया जा चुका है।

Electronic telephone exchanges in country

2080. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) total number of electronic exchanges opened in the country during the last three years with reference to Andhra Pradesh;

(b) total number of electronic exchanges proposed to be opened in this State during the current year together with their location; and

(c) whether the necessary allocation have been provided to the Andhra Pradesh telecom circle for commissioning of the electronic exchanges in the State during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) 4091 electronic exchanges opened in the country during the last three years whereas 532 in Andhra Pradesh.

(b) Forty Five number of electronic exchanges proposed to be opened in Andhra Pradesh during the current year. The details are enclosed as statement (See below).

(c) Yes, Sir.

Statement

Details of electronic exchanges location-wise proposed to be opened in Andhra Pradesh during the current year

| Sl. No. | District | Exchange planned |
|---------|---------------|------------------------|
| 1. | Ananthapur | Georgepet |
| 2. | Hyderabad | Madhapur |
| 3. | Hyderabad | Tolichowki |
| 4. | Krishna | Vijaywada-Bhavanipuram |
| 5. | Krishna | Vijaywada-Gunnadala |
| 6. | Nizamabad | Vinayaknagar |
| 7. | Warangal | Chowrasta |
| 8. | East Godavari | Ramanaiahpet |
| 9. | West Godavari | Elluru-12 Taps Centre |
| 10. | West Godavari | Elluru-Power Pet |
| 11. | Adilabad | Duradakunala |
| 12. | Ananthapur | Peror |
| 13. | Chittoor | Mutlurevula |
| 14. | Chittoor | Kandukuru |
| 15. | Chittoor | Rallabaduguru |
| 16. | Chittoor | Nerabailu |
| 17. | Chittoor | Peddattippasamudram |
| 18. | Chittoor | Pydipalem |
| 19. | Cuddapah | P.V.G. Palli |
| 20. | Cuddapah | Tanguturu |
| 21. | Cuddapah | Tippasamudram |
| 22. | Guntur | Rentapalli |
| 23. | Guntur | Pedakakani |
| 24. | Guntur | Nallapadu |
| 25. | Guntur | Petlurivaripalem |
| 26. | Guntur | Pothuru |
| 27. | Karimnagar | Chandurty |
| 28. | Karimnagar | Indurthy |
| 29. | Khammam | Motuugudem |
| 30. | Khammam | Narasapuram |
| 31. | Krishna | Veerapanenigudem |
| 32. | Kurnool | Chintakunta |