Statement Assam Telecom Circle The number of telephone connection provided in Assam during the years district-wise are as follows:

1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99 Upto
				November 1998
3519	4758	2613	8405	7125
510	710	300	462	240
400	611	322	725	262
200	390	182	150	48
145	200	193	435	150
232	636	526	724	45
255	226	520	474	23
671	994	1073	3136	131
279	524	736	1764	212
523	749	700	2354	305
1105	1173	1110	4682	894
359	189	396	442	298
167	214	60	331	141
661	1922	1416	1783	339
184	405	579	936	172
141	. 675	617	679	182
93	265	411	337	61
900	1350	1800	1857	213
890	1324	2090	3544.	435
1027	1896	1220	2792	408
663	769	450	328	247
59	275	125	96	152
120	40	69	41	61
13103	20295	18003	36477	12154
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New Post Offices in Kendrapara District of Orissa

2069. SHRI S. NIRAIKULATHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a number of applications requesting for opening new post offices in the rural areas of Kendrapara district in Orissa are pending with the department for the last five years;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) how many new post offices are proposed to be opened in Orissa during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) and (b)

No sir, only one application for opening of new Post Office at Madhupur Village is under examination and is pending finalisation due to non-receipt of complete information.

(c) A target for opening of Ten (10) Departmental Branch Post Offices and two (2) Departmental Sub Post Offices has been fixed for Orissa Circle during the current Plan 1998-99; subject to availability of resources.

Telephone connections in Dakshinpuri Extension

2070. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased

(a) the number of O.Bs issued by the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd. under the Nehru Place Telephone Exchange during the year 1998 so far;