

हैं। किसी भी रेलवे स्टेशन में ऐसी सुविधा प्रदान करने की कोई मांग लंबित नहीं पड़ी है।

(ड.) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Laying of Telephones Lines in Vidarbha Region

1387. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have fixed any target for laying of telephone lines for providing telephone connections in the Vidarbha region of Maharashtra during the current financial year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether necessary funds have been earmarked for this purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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

(b) The details of tentative targets for net capacity addition for 98-99 for various telecom districts of Vidarbha region are as under:—

	5,000 Lines
Akola	
Amravati	9,000 Lines
Bhandara	7,000 Lines
Buldhana	4,000 Lines
Chandrapur & Gadchiroli	11,800 Lines
Nagpur	22,000 Lines
Wardha	3,500 Lines
Yeatmal	5,000 Lines

(c) Yes Sir,

(d) Approximate Rs. 197.80 crores have been proposed for development in the Vidarbha region.

Subscribers Protest against DOT'S Irregularities

1388. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that subscribers in Vasai (Maharashtra) have observed bandh in protest against irregularities of DOT.

(b) whether it is a fact that DOT employees have been accused of high handedness and corruption;

(c) whether it is fact that high official of DOT have admitted that entire disruption is due to the inefficient working of DOT employees;

(d) whether it is also a fact that honourable Minister of State for Railways have written letters to General Manager DOT, Kalyan, which have been ignored; and

(e) what action Government propose to take against the incompetent and arrogant employees in Vasai?

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

(b) Nothing has been reported in writing.

(c) The entire disruption of service has taken place on few occasions due to failure of OCB exchange on account of technical problems and frequent interruptions due to cutting of optical fibre cable (OFC) on National Highway in many locations from Vasai to Charoti, due to road widening works which are in progress. The entire Telecom including S.T.D./The service of Vasai, Palghat, Dahanu and Talasari were frequently disturbed completely on account of OFC interruptions since the connectivity of all these exchanges is only through this O.F.C. with the Mumbai Trunk Automatic exchanges.

(d) No, Sir. Letter received from Hon'ble Minister of State for Railways have been replied and attended promptly.