

Statement

The District-wise number of Post Offices in Tamil Nadu which have been upgraded during the last three years:

S.No.	Name of the District	Number of Offices upgraded		
		1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
1.	Chennai	1	—	—
2.	Kanniyakumari	2	—	—
3.	Tirunelveli	—	1	—
4.	Tuticorin	3	—	—
5.	Pudukottai	1	—	—
6.	Villupuram	—	1	—
7.	Sivaganga	—	—	1
TOTAL		7	2	1

कूरेभार के डाक और तार घर की दयनीय स्थिति

1381. श्री सूर्यभान पाटील वहाडणे: क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार को जानकारी है कि सुल्तानपुर जिले में कूरेभार के डाक व तार घर के कार्यकरण की स्थिति बहुत ही दयनीय है;

(ख) क्या विभिन्न डाकघर बचत योजनाओं के अंतर्गत जारी बचत प्रमाण-पत्रों की परिपक्व राशि के भुगतान के लिए डाकघर में राशि-उपलब्ध नहीं है और उपभोक्ताओं को सप्ताहों तक इंतजार करना पड़ता है;

(ग) क्या तार पहुंचाने वाले कर्मचारी की अनुपलब्धता की वजह से, डाकियों को तार पहुंचाना पड़ता है जिसके परिणामस्वरूप तार अपने गंतव्य पर 6-7 दिनों में पहुंचता है; और

(घ) उपरोक्त स्थिति से निपटने के लिए सरकार द्वारा क्या कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं?

संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री कवीन्द्र पुरकायस्थ: (क) डाक विभाग

सुल्तानपुर जिले में कूरेभार डाकघर में डाक सेवा की स्थिति संतोषजनक है।

दूरसंचार विभाग

जी नहीं। सुल्तानपुर जिले में कूरेभार में तार सुविधा की स्थिति दयनीय नहीं है क्योंकि जनता को तार सुविधाएं प्रदान करने के लिए कूरेभार में 26.3.93 से एक दूरसंचार केन्द्र काम कर रहा है। संयुक्त डाक-तारघर, कूरेभार की तार शाखा ने अप्रैल, 1994 से काम करना बंद कर दिया है। संयुक्त डाक-तारघर की तार शाखा

बंद होने के बाद, कूरेभार कस्बे को तार सुविधाएं केवल दूरसंचार केन्द्र द्वारा प्रदान की जा रही हैं।

(ख) कूरेभार स्थित डाकघर में बचत पत्रों के भुगतान के लिए धनराशि उपलब्ध है। भुगतान में कोई विलंब नहीं होता है तथा अभी तक ऐसी कोई शिकायत भी प्राप्त नहीं हुई है।

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Pressure on India to reduce tariff on Phone calls

1382. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether US is exerting pressure on India to bring down India's tariff on phone calls made from USA to India; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) and (b) There has been no total discussion with the US Government on this subject. Settlement of Accounting

rates between carriers of different countries is usually done at the level of operations of these services on either side. In so far as the accounting rate with the US operators is concerned, commercial negotiations are going on between VSMN, the Indian Carrier and their counterparts in the US for settlement of the accounting rate for the financial year 1997-98 and onwards.

Printing of money order and acknowledgement forms

1383. DR. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the volume of printing orders in respect of money order forms and A.D. Cards etc. pending with the Government of India Presses at Koratty, Aligarh and Nasik separately as on 31st March, 1999;

(b) the reasons for the delay; and

(c) the reasons for increasing size of forms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA):

(a) Sir, the volume of printing orders in respect of MO Forms & AD Cards pending with Govt. of India Presses at Koratty, Aligarh and Nasik as on 31.3.98 is as under:—

Name of Press	MO Forms	AD Cards
(i) Koratty	85,800 Pads	Nil
(ii) Aligarh	18,85,000 Pads	29,82,500
(iii) Nasik	6,43,920 Pads	3,35,13,500

(b) (i) Annual production capacity of the Presses is getting reduced every year due to natural wear and tear of the machinery.

(ii) Short supply of electricity by the State Electricity Board resulting in machines remaining idle.

(iii) These Presses also undertake printing jobs of other Ministries/Departments on priority basis. Due to this, all printing work cannot be completed strictly on first come first serve basis.

(c) Department of Post has not increased the size of MO & AD Forms.

Applications pending for telephone connections in Faridabad

1384. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of applications for telephone connections are pending in Faridabad, Haryana;

(b) the present status of disposal of such applications;

(c) the reasons for the huge pendency; and

(d) by what time all the pending applications, especially those of the residents of Sector 10 will be disposed off?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Present status of applications under different categories of registration and release date thereof for telephone exchanges of Faridabad is given in the Statement. (See below)

(c) Pendency/delay has been due to the non-receipt of Complete Exchange Equipment in time.

(d) 15,000 lines are being added in Faridabad in the current year 1998-99. This will clear most of the pending applications in Faridabad and all pending applications of Sector 10.