

registrants for telephones in the city of Rourkela, Orissa as on 28.2.97 are given below:—

E-10B exchange Rourkela Steel Plant	=	564
RLU exchange Rourkela Township	=	1391
		Total
		1955

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The reasons for the delay are due to non-availability of spare exchange capacity.

(d) It is proposed to expand 7000 lines of E-10B exchange to 8000 lines and 5000 lines of RLU exchange to 7000 lines in Steel Township area of Rourkela, Orissa. Waiting list will be cleared on expanding the exchange capacity and obtaining store materials. It is expected to clear the present waiting list in general category of E-10B exchange in June 1997 and that of RLU exchange in July 1997.

(e) No such case has come to the notice of Department. Proper action will be taken as per departmental norms as and when noticed.

महानगर टेलीफोन निगम लिमिटेड में वेतनमानों को अपनाये जाने में विलम्ब

2570. श्री नागमणि:

श्री ईश दत्त यादव:

क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि महानगर टेलीफोन निगम लिमिटेड की स्थापना के दस वर्ष बाद भी इसमें कार्यरत बहुत से कर्मचारियों को महानगर टेलीफोन निगम लिमिटेड के नियमानुसार वेतनमान नहीं दिए गए हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं;

(ग) निगम के नियमानुसार वेतनमानों पर विचार करने संबंधी समिति का गठन कब किया गया था और इस समिति के सदस्यों का ब्यौटा क्या है; और

(घ) गत दो वर्षों के दौरान इस समिति द्वारा कितनी बैठकें की गयी हैं और इन बैठकों में क्या अंतिम निर्णय लिया गया है?

संचार मंत्री (श्री बेनी प्रसाद वर्मा) (क) जी हां।

(ख) महानगर टेलीफोन निगम लिमिटेड के कर्मचारियों में दो श्रेणियों के कर्मचारी शामिल हैं;

(1) सीधे भर्ती किए गए कर्मचारी,

(2) प्रतिनियुक्ति पर माने गए सरकारी कर्मचारी महानगर टेलीफोन निगम लिमिटेड के सीधे भर्ती किए गए कर्मचारियों को औद्योगिक वेतनमान स्वीकृत करने हेतु आदेश पहले ही जारी किए जा चुके हैं।

वे सरकारी कर्मचारी, जो प्रतिनियुक्ति पर माने गए हैं, उन्हें सरकारी वेतनमान पर वेतन प्राप्त हो रहा है क्योंकि, उन्हें महानगर टेलीफोन निगम लिमिटेड में शामिल किए जाने के मामले पर अभी निर्णय नहीं हुआ है।

(ग) कोई समिति गठित नहीं की गई है।

(घ) अपरोक्त "ग" के देखते हुए प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Radial Distance of Nalanda Telephone Exchange

2571. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 424 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 26th February, 1997 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the radial distance of village Gajrajbigha from both Nalanda and Dumarawan is the same;

(b) if so, the reasons for putting the said village under Dumarawan and not under Nalanda Telephone Exchange;

(c) if the reply to part (a) above be in negative, whether any field survey has been undertaken to find out the exact distance of the village from both the Exchanges;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Village Gajrajbigha is situated within 5 kms radial distance of Dumarawan exchange and is more than 5 kms radial distance of Nalanda. Under the existing rules, all localities situated within 5 kms radial distance of an exchange are included in the local area of

that exchange.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Radial distances of village Gajrajbigha are as under:—

Gajrajbigha—Dumarawan : 3 kms approx.

Gajrajbigha—Nalanda : 6 kms approx.

(e) Does not arise in view of reply to parts (c) & (d) above.

Telephone Connections in Mirchaiganj in Nalanda

2572. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the villages particularly those on the northern side which come under the local area of Nalanda Telephone Exchange;

(b) whether it is a fact that Mirchaiganj also comes under Nalanda Exchange;

(c) the total number of telephone connections in Mirchaiganj; and

(d) the actual distance of the above village from Nalanda?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA): (a) The names of villages on the Northern side which come under the local area of Nalanda Telephone Exchange are Sarichak, Mohanpur, Begampur, Nirmal Bigha, Nathulichak and Kapelsari.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Only one.

(d) The actual distance of Mirchaiganj from Nalanda telephone Exchange is 6.4 kms.

Cost of laying Telephone Line from Dumarawan to Gajrajbigha.

2573. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 424 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 26th February, 1997 and state:

(a) the total estimated cost of laying

telephone line from Dumarawan to Gajrajbigha;

(b) whether it is a fact that safety of telephone line or the route is at greater risk of being broken/stolen since the entire stretch is uninhabited and remain deserted for major part of the year;

(c) if so, the justification of putting the above village under Dumarawan Telephone Exchange which is otherwise off the route whereas Nalanda Exchange is enroute;

(d) whether it is also a fact that satisfactory incoming and outgoing calls services cannot be had from Dumarawan Exchange as it does not have STD facility; and

(e) if so, the measures proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA): (a) The total estimated cost of overhead alignment with single pair of ironwire is Rs. 70,000. and the cost of 20 pair 6.5 PIJF underground cable is about Rs. 2,20,000.

(b) Overhead lines and underground cables are occasionally interrupted due to theft and other man made reasons.

(c) Gajrajbigha village falls under the local area of Dumarawan telephone exchange as the distance between Dumarawan and Gajrajbigha is 3 kms only.

(d) No, Sir. Dumarawan exchange has STD facility.

(e) Does not arise in view of (d) above.

Capacity of Dumarawan Telephone Exchange

2574. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) when the Dumarawan Telephone Exchange was set up;

(b) the total installed capacity thereof;