plan out the production programmes in the factory in advance;

- (c) wheher jobs, have also been given out to the private parties on contract basis:
- (d) whether Covernment have any plan to maxim se the utilisation of the installed capacity and work force of the factory to avoid national wastage; and
  - (e) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (Shri Sukh Ram): (a) and (b) No Sir. However due to fast changing Telecom Technology some conventional items which were previous', being manufactured in Telecom Factory Calcutta are no more in demand. The workforce rendered surplus (about 300) is being retrained and redeployed on new products.

- (c) No Sir.
- (d) Yes Sir.
- (e) Following new products are being inducted in Telecom Factory Calcutta during 1993-94.
  - (1) MDF for larger exchanges 512 port MDF & 1024 port MDF.
  - (2) Light weight Masts. 15 Meters and 40 Meters.
  - (3) Power plant 12-A.
  - (4) Light weight Tubular Towers.

## Branch Post Offices in Orissa Circle

- 877. SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY: Will be Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of Branch Post Offices which have been approved to be opened in Orissa Circle in the current financial year;

- (b) the number of Gram Panchayats which do not have post offices in Orissa Circle; and
- (c) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to provide one post office at each Gram Panchayat in Orissa Circle as announced by Communications Minister at Rourkela in 1992 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (Shri Sukh Ram): (a) A target of opening 35 Extra Departmental Branch Office has been fixed for Orissa Circle in the current financial year.

- (b) The number of Gram Panchayats which do not have post offices in Orissa Circle is 516.
- (c) It is the policy of the Government to provide one post office at each Gram Panchayat subject to availability of resources and approval of target by the Planning Commission.

## उत्तर प्रदेश की ग्राम पंचायतों में दूरभाष तथा डाकघर सुविधायें

- 878. **चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह**ः क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे किः (क) क्या उत्तर प्रदेश में दूरभाष और डाव घरों की सुविधाएं प्राप्त ग्राम पंचायतों की जिलेवार हूँ संख्या कितनी है;
- (ख) प्रत्येक ग्राम पंचायत को डाकघर और दूरभाष सुविधा उपलब्ध कराने हेतु क्या समय-सीमा निर्धारित की गई है;
- ्रा (ग) उपरोक्त ग्राम पंचायतों में से कितनी ग्राम पंचायतों में डाकघरों से तार भेजने की युविधा है और इस सुविधा के विस्तार की योजना क्या है; और
- (घ) राज्य के मुख्य शहरों में ''स्पीड पोस्ट'' सेवा उपलब्ध कराने के लिए जिलेबार कार्यकर्मों का ब्यौरा क्या है?

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- (क) 31-3-1993 की स्थिति के ग्रनुसार, उत्तर प्रदेश में टेलीफोन की सुविधा वाले पंचायत ग्रामों की संख्या 13,465 और डाकघरों की सुविधा ताले पंचायत ग्रामों की संख्या 15,158 है। जिलेवार ब्यौरे इकटठे किए जा रहे हैं और उन्हें सदन के पटल पर रख दिवा जाएगा।
- (ख) (i) संसाधन उपलब्ध होन पर, 31-3-1995 तक सभी पंचायत ग्रामों में उत्तरी-रोत्तर रूप से टेलीफोन सुविधा उपलब्ध कराने की योजना बनाई गई है।
- (ii) कोई समय सीमा नहीं वतलाई जा सकती वयोंकि डाकघर निर्धारित मानकों के पूरा होने, निधि की उपलब्धता और संबंध में डस निर्धारित किए गए लक्ष्यों के आधार पर खोले जाते हैं।
- (ग) ग्राम पंचायतों के 3018 डाकघरों में तार भेजने की सुविधा प्रदान की गई है डाकघर में पी.सी.ओ. संस्थापित हो जाने पर ही तार-सुविधा प्रदान की जाती है।
- (घ) किसी शहर/कस्बे में स्पीड पोस्ट सेवा मुविधा को शरु करना एक निरन्तर जारी रहने वाली प्रक्रिया है। जब कभी भी इस संबंध में कोई प्रस्ताव प्राप्त होता है तो प्रचालन सुविधाओं की उपलब्धता, क्षमता और म्राधिक व्यवहार्यता का ध्यान रखते हुए उस पर विचार किया जाता है। इसलिए कोई पूर्वनिर्धारित कार्यक्रम नहीं बनाया जाता है।

## STD/ISTD Booths in Andhra Pradesh

- 879. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVA-JI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICA-TIONS be pleased to state:
- (a) what is the number of STD|ISTD Public Telephone booths functioning in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) what is the number of applications which are still pending for allotment of such new booths in the state;
- (c) what is the stage of consideration of these applications stating details district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE OF MINISTRY COMMUNICATIONS (Shri Sukh Ram) : Number (a) STD ISTD Public Telephones working in Andhra Pradesh is 2977 as on 31-3-93.

- (b) Number of applications pending as on 31-3-93 s 10047.
  - (c) 1. In Guntur Telecom District telephone allotment of public has been kept in abvance due to court cases.
    - 2. In other Districts public telesanctioned phones are being progressively subject to technical feasibility and observation of departmental formalities.

## Post and Telegraph Office in Sector 29, in Faridabad

880. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is no post and telegraph office in or about Sector 29, Housing Board Colony of HUDA in Faridabad;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the residents have to go to old Far dabad Sub post office to buy postage; and for sending telegrams to travel a distance more than three kms; and
- (c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to remove the difficulties of the residents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (Shri Sukh Ram): (a) Yes, Sir.

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(b) and (c) Sanction for opening of one Departmental Sub Post Office at Sector 29, Faridabad has been ssued in March, 1993, A new post office opened shortly subject to availability of accommodation.