

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) Indian National Satellites INSAT-ID and INSAT-IIA are available full time for domestic telecommunication.

(b) At present no foreign satellite is hired for domestic telecommunication purposes and hence no foreign exchange is incurred for hiring satellites for domestic telecom purposes.

(c) INSAT system is only used for domestic satellite communication.

(d) India is self-sufficient in the field of satellite telecommunications and manufactures its own telecommunication satellite.

**आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान
टेलीफोन कनेक्शनों का प्रावधान**

3397. डा० जिनेंद्र कुमार जैन :

श्री बीरेन जे० शाह :

क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान 93 लाख नये टेलीफोन कनेक्शन मुहैया करने का लक्ष्य निर्धारित किया है,

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसमें से ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों, कस्बों, छोटे-छोटे शहरों तथा 5 लाख से अधिक की आबादी वाले शहरों और महानगरों में क्रमशः कितने-कितने प्रतिशत नये कनेक्शन देने का लक्ष्य निर्धारित किया गया है,

(ग) क्या टेलीफोन कनेक्शनों के लिए कोई समयबद्ध कार्यक्रम बनाया गया है, और

(घ) यदि हां, तो आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना अवधि के दौरान, प्रतिवर्ष क्षेत्र-वार कितने-कितने टेलीफोन मुहैया कराये जाने का विचार है ?

संचार मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुखराम) : (क) जी नहीं, दूरसंचार

विभाग के आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना कार्यक्रम में इस योजना अवधि के दौरान 75 लाख नए टेलीफोन कनेक्शन लगाना और 93 लाख निवल स्विचन क्षमता की वृद्धि करना शामिल है।

(ख) से (घ) : ग्रामीण क्षेत्र में 13 लाख निवल स्विचन क्षमता की वृद्धि करने का प्रस्ताव है, जिससे इस क्षेत्र में मांग होने पर व्यावहारिक रूप से टेलीफोन कनेक्शन प्रदान किए जा सकेंगे और इस योजना अवधि के दौरान सभी पंचायत गांवों और 1.5 लाख अतिरिक्त गांवों में सार्वजनिक टेलीफोन लगाए जा सकेंगे। कस्बों, छोटे शहरों और महानगरों आदि में नए टेलीफोन कनेक्शन लगाने के लक्ष्य मांग और संसाधनों की उपलब्धता पर निर्भर करते हुए साल दर साल आधार पर निर्धारित किये जाते हैं।

**Production of Hindustan Teleprinters
Limited**

3398. SHRI MOHINDAR SINGH

KALYAN :

DR.. SHRIKANT RAM CHANDRA JICHKAR :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total production of the Hindustan Teleprinters Limited as on the 1st March, 1993;

(b) whether the HTL is in profit or loss;

(c) whether due to the development of modern technology in this field like FAX, Facsimile etc. the teleprinter business has suffered; and

(d) what is the demand for teleprinters presently in India ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) Production of

main products of HTL during 92-93 (as on 1-3-93) is as under :—

- (i) Electronic Tele printers 9,564 Nos.
- (ii) Main Distribution Frames 2,99,900 Lines
- (iii) C-DOT Switch-tion Frames 2,99,900 Lines

(b) HTL is in profit.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Demand pending for supply as on 1-2-93 is 2710 Nos. There is no further demand of Electronic Teleprinters.

Modernising the Postal Services in the Country

3399. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI :
SHRI SATISH PRADHAN :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering to improve and modernise postal services and have appointed a panel for the purpose;

(b) if so, what are the details of proposal finalised, composition of the panel, task assigned and period for submission of the report;

(c) what steps are being taken to meet the challenges posed by the private agencies and improve the competitiveness of speed post organisation "of the Department to serve the consumers better and cheaper;

(d) whether Government are considering structural changes for strengthening speed post organisation; if so, what are the details (hereof; and

(e) whether Government are considering formation of Zonal/District Committees for involvement of publicmen in effective improvement in the working of postal department and the pattern of Telecommunication; if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) and (b) Improvement and modernisation of postal services are constantly engaging the attention of the Department. While a Social Audit Panel was constituted to consider

how best Social needs could be met and public grievances redressed, no panel has been appointed specifically for the purpose of modernisation.

(c) To serve the customers better, the Govt. makes an on going market analysis of the customer needs and positions Speed-post services accordingly. Constant monitoring and quality control is also carried out to check cases of delays in transit and to eliminate the causes.

(d) while various options in this regard are considered from time to time there are no specific proposals at present for structural changes.

(e) There is no proposal to form any Zonal/District Committee. However to have direct interaction with the Members of the public Dak Adalats/Post Forums have been constituted which are held periodically.

Speed Post Service in the Country

3400. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO:
Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) what are the names of the cities where the Speed Post System is available presently;

(b) whether it is a fact that there has been deterioration in the Speed Post services since their inception and it takes more than 48 hours for a letter to reach from Delhi to towns in the Southern States through Speed Post; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to streamline the Speed Post delivery system ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) The information is furnished in ~ the Statement (see below).

(b) No, Sir. Barring a few cases where the prescribed delivery norms may have been exceeded due to train/air line delays, it is not a fact that the Speed Post Service has deteriorated.

(c) Does not arise.