

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) No, Sir. There are two Head Post Offices in Ghaziabad Postal Division namely Ghaziabad HPO and Hapur HPO. Entries of interest in NSS pass books in Ghaziabad HO was completed on 31-5-2001 and in Hapur HO the same was completed on 27-6-2001.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d). Do not arise in view of (a) and (b) above.

Telephone Exchanges Operated Through Overhead Media

†2619. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 135 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 31st July, 2001 and state :

(a) the number of telephone exchanges being operated through overhead media in Tehri Uttarkashi Telephone District; and

(b) by when all the exchanges in this telephone district are proposed to be provided on reliable media?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) 15 (fifteen) telephone exchanges in Uttarkashi Telecom District are being operated through overhead media.

(b) All these fifteen telephone exchanges are planned to be provided with reliable media by 31st March, 2002 subject to the availability of resources.

Installation of New Telephone Exchanges in U.P.

†2620. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new telephone exchange has been installed in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of the telephone exchanges proposed to be installed during 2000-2001 and 2001-2002?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

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RAJYA SABHA

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

(b) Details of new telephone exchanges installed from 1-4-2001 to 31-10-2001 in Uttar Pradesh are as per Annexure. [See Appendix 194, Annexure No. 24]

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(d) Details of new telephone exchanges installed during 2000-2001 and proposed to be installed during 2001-2002 from 1-11-2001 to 31-3-2002, in Uttar Pradesh are enclosed in the Annexure. [See Appendix 194, Annexure No. 24].

V.P.T. in Rajasthan and Orissa

2621. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether telephone facility has been provided by Government to all Village panchayats of the country;

(b) if not, the number of panchayats where the said facility has not been provided till date particularly in Rajasthan and Orissa, district-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to provide better telephone facility to the village panchayats indicating the target set for the year 2001-2002 and budgetary allocations made therefor during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
(SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) No Sir, the Government has plan to provide a public telephone in all villages of the country by the year 2002. Once all the villages are covered in the country, Panchayats will also be covered as it is included in all villages.

(b) The information is given in Statement-I (see below)

(c) For better telephone facility to village panchayats the Govt. has started inducting new technologies like C DOT, TDMA/PMP and Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) systems into rural telephony. No target has been set for village panchayats. However, the target is for covering 6,07,491 villages with a public telephone during the year 2002 and budgetary allotment is Rs. 811.52 crores (Statement-II) by BSNL for the year 2001-02.