

to indicate how many new post offices are likely to be opened in Madurai District of Tamil Nadu Circle 1987-88.

Electronic Exchanges in Tamil Nadu

2333. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Electronic Exchanges proposed to be started in Tamil Nadu in the near future; and

(b) what are the names of places where these exchanges are likely to be provided?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV):

(a) 24 Exchanges (including expansion programme) are proposed to be started in Tamil Nadu.

(b) The names of the places are:—madras, Trichy, Karur, Coimbatore, Sivaganga, Salem, Erode, Maduari, Industrial areas at Ranipet, Gummidipoordi, Cuddalore, Merelmalai Nagar, Tuticorin Trust.

STD facility in Cumbum town in Madurai District

2334. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to provide S.T.D. facility in Cumbum Town of Madurai District of Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to expedite the work; and

(c) by when STD facility is likely to be provided?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV):

(a) No, Sir. At present there is no proposal to provide STD facility in Cumbum Town of Madurai District of Tamil Nadu.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of answer to Part (a).

Electrification of Vijayawada-Waltair railway line

2335. SHRI GOPALA RAO RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal pending with Government regarding the electrification of Vijayawada-Waltair railway line; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposal and the reasons for delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Inclusion of Kakinada to Jagdalpur Road in National Highway

2336. SHRI GOPALA RAO RAO: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to include KAKINADA to JAGDALPUR via Rajahmundry-Bhadrachalam and Venkatapuram road in National Highway and to develop it as a National Highway;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the amount sanctioned; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Owing to limitation of resources for new National Highways during the 7th Five Year Plan, it is not possible at present to declare the road in question as a National Highway.