Telephone Exchanges in Eastern U.P.

- 2 SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:
 - (a) the number of telephone exchanges opened in Eastern U.P., particularly at the block level during the last three years, district-wise; and
 - (b) the number of telephone exchanges proposed to be opened, district-wise, during the current Five Year Plan period and what will be the estimated cost thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) The information is being collected from the field units and will be placed on the Table of the House on receipt.

Enhanced rates of Inland Letters and Envelopes

- 3. SHRI R. MOHANARANGAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that many Post Offices in the country charged enhanced rates of inland letters, envelopes, etc. from 1st April, 1982 onwards for a few days and thereafter the old rates were restored; and
- (b) if so, what are the reasons for the same and how Government propose to refund the unauthorisedly collected, extra charges?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) No, Sir. No such instance has come to our notice.

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(b) In view of (a) above, this does not arise.

Departmental Printing Presses

- 4. SHRI B. C. PATTANAYAK: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether his Ministry has any proposal to set up its own printing presses in different States;
- (b) if so, what is the total number of such departmental printing presses which are proposed to be set up:
- (c) what are the name3 of the places selected for the location of such printing presses;
- (d) whether any such departmental printing press is going to be set up at Bhubaneshwar in Orissa; and
- (e) if so, what progress has been made so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) At present the Communications Ministry has no proposal to set up Departmental Printing Presses in different States.

- (b) At present, only one Departmental printing press is proposed to be set up
- (c) Bhubaneshwar (Orissa) is the place selected for the location of the Printing Press.

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- (d) Yes, Sir.
- (e) The site for establishing the Printing Press has been purchased and taken possession in March, 1982 Further action is in progress.

Janpath Telephone Exchange

5. SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI: SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARADWAJ:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICA-TIONS be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 293 given