

Places connected with Siliguri by Circuit Telecommunication Line

275. SHRI PRASENJIT BARMAN:
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MONDAL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the places in North Bengal which are connected with Siliguri by direct dialling circuit;

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to connect the remaining important places of North Bengal, particularly the district towns with Siliguri by direct dialling circuit, for betterment of telecommunication system in that area; and

(c) if so, by when Government are likely to implement this proposal?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VIJAY N. PATIL): (a) Four stations namely Darjeeling, Jalpaiguri, Kalimpong and Mal in North Bengal are connected to Siliguri by direct dialling circuits.

(b) Many important places including four District towns viz. Balurghat, Malda, Jalpaiguri and Darjeeling in North Bengal are directly connected with Siliguri trunk exchange. The remaining District towns are likely to be connected to Siliguri trunk exchange with operator trunk dialling circuit after the new radio medium through microwave system is commissioned by 1982-83.

(c) The District Towns namely Balurghat, Malda, Cooch Behar and Darjeeling including Kurseong and Kalimpong Sub-Divisional Towns in North Bengal are planned to be connected to the 500 lines Siliguri Trunk Automatic Exchange under installation for which the work is likely to be completed by 1982-83.

Opening of New Telephone Exchanges in West Bengal

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to open new telephone exchanges in West Bengal Circle during the current financial year;

(b) if so, what are the places where these exchanges are to be opened; and

(c) by when these exchanges are likely to be in operation?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VIJAY N. PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) New telephone exchanges have already been opened at MEJHIA (Dist. Bankura) and SIMLON (Dist. Burdwan).

New exchanges are planned for opening for the following places:

1. Gelia
2. Purandarpur
3. Tantipara (Bakreshar)
4. Hatgobindapur
5. Jainty
6. Kuliapara
7. Mathadanga
8. Jhalong
9. Jaigaon
10. Ramnagar
11. Amtola
12. Domkal
13. Hariharpara
14. Nagar
15. Muragachha
16. Anara
17. Ramchandrapur
18. Gopalpur
19. Kalinagar