

(c) whether there is a proposal to open more post offices and PCOs in West Bengal in 1981-82; and

(d) if so, what are names of locations, district-wise, in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KARTIK ORAON):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The State-wise, Plan targets for 1981-82 and location of post offices and public call offices are being finalised.

Opening of new post and telegraph offices in the country

872. SHRI SYED SHAHEDULLAH:

SHRI BHABANI CHARAN
PATTANAYAK:

SHRI M. BASVARAJU:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of post offices, branch post offices, telegraph offices, PCOs opened in the country as on the 31st December, 1980 State-wise; and

(b) the number of new post offices, branch post offices, telegraph offices, PCOs proposed to be opened in the country, in 1981-82; State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KARTIK ORAON):

(a) The total number of post offices, branch post offices, telegraph offices and long distance PCOs opened in the country upto 31st December, 1980 State-wise are set out in Annexure 'A' and 'B'.

(b) During the year 1981-82, it is proposed to open 1600 branch post offices in the country. Circlewise distribution of this target is yet to be fixed. The State-wise targets

regarding telegraph offices, PCOs proposed to be opened during the financial year (1981-82) are still under finalisation.

Annexure 'A'

Number of Post Offices and Branch Post Offices as on 31-12-1980

	Total No. of post offices as on 31-12-80	No. of B.Os. as on 31-12-80
1. Andhra Pradesh	15,999	11,362
2. Bihar . . .	10,274	8,451
3. Delhi . . .	535	124
4. Gujarat . . .	8,362	6,566
Diu . . .	6	
Daman . . .	10	
Dadra, Nagar Haveli . . .	28	
5. J&K . . .	1,298	1,002
6. Kerala . . .	4,519	2,451
Mahe . . .	4	
LMA . . .	10	
7. Karnataka . . .	9,284	6,500
8. Madhya Pradesh	9,928	7,980
9. Maharashtra . . .	11,186	8,775
Goa . . .	219	125
10. Assam . . .	3,084	2,493
Tripura . . .	601	504
Manipur . . .	484	440
Meghalaya . . .	403	347
Mizoram . . .	238	213
Nagaland . . .	212	182
Arunachal Pradesh	187	157
11. Punjab . . .	3,705	2,997
Haryana . . .	2,366	1,699

	Total No. of post Offices as on 31-12-80	No. of B. Os. as on 31-12-80
Himachal Pradesh	2,334	1,894
Chandigarh	40	5
12. Orissa	7,159	5,939
13. Rajasthan	9,316	7,461
14. Tamilnadu	11,602	7,350
Pondicherry	93	48
15. U.P.	17,320	13,925
16. West Bengal	7,723	5,922
Sikkim	119	
A&N Islands	78	
TOTAL	1,38,726	1,04,803

Annexure 'B'

No. of Telegraph offices & P.C.Os as on
31-12-80

S. No.	Circle	Telegraph Office opened upto 31-12-80	LD PCOs opened upto 31-12-80
1.	Andhra Pradesh	3,388	2,503
2.	Bihar	2,479	1,383
3.	Gujarat Circle including	1,185	484
	(a) Gujarat		
	(b) Dadra, Nagar Haveli		
	(c) Daman Diu.		
4.	Jammu and Kashmir	284	157
5.	Kerala Circle including:	1,888	187
	(a) Kerala		
	(b) Lakshadweep Islands		

S. No.	Circle	Telegraph office opened upto 31-12-80	LD PCOs opened upto 31-12-80
6.	Karnataka	2,579	1,840
7.	Madhya Pradesh	1,612	1,025
8.	Maharashtra Circle including		
	(a) Maharashtra	1,763	608
	(b) Goa	70	8
9.	North Eastern Circle including :		
	(a) Assam	588	250
	(b) Arunachal Pradesh	27	14
	(c) Manipur	36	26
	(d) Meghalaya	63	50
	(e) Mizoram	11	8
	(f) Nagaland	26	25
	(g) Tripura	75	46
10.	North Western Circle including		
	(a) Punjab	553	213
	(b) Haryana	715	481
	(c) Himachal Pradesh	356	112
	(d) Chandigarh	18	6
11.	Orissa	1,825	485
12.	Rajasthan	1,248	675
13.	Tamil Nadu Circle including :		
	(a) Tamil Nadu	3,381	1,303
	(b) Pondicherry	36	10
14.	Uttar Pradesh	3,696	2,361
15.	West Bengal Circle including :		
	(a) West Bengal	1,097	553
	(b) Sikkim	21	16
	(c) Andaman & Nicobar Islands	15	6
	TOTAL	27,955	14,035