

(b) if so, what is the estimated amount thereof;

(c) how many tenements are proposed to be constructed under the project and what is the present progress of the work and the amount spent thereon so far; and

(d) by when all these staff quarters are likely to be completed?

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

(b) Rs. 34,69,300.

(c) 60 staff quarters are to be constructed. Tenders have been called for with the date of opening as 16-9-81. The construction work is yet to start and accordingly no money has been spent so far. These quarters will be shared between the postal and telecommunication staff of the department.

(d) These staff quarters are likely to be completed in 1983-84.

Demand of location of Postal Directorate at Aurangabad

632. SHIMATI VIJAYA RAJE SCINDIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a long standing demand for a Postal Directorate at Aurangabad in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, since when this demand is being made and what reasons have been advanced in favour of this demand;

(c) what action has been taken by Government in this regard;

(d) whether it is a fact that the Postal Directorate meant for Marathwada has been established and located at Nagpur at a distance of about 700 kms. from Aurangabad; and

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(e) if so, whether Government propose to reconsider the whole position; if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KARTIK ORAON): (a) to (c). A demand was made in February, 1981 for locating the headquarters of one of the Director of Postal Services in Maharashtra Circle at Aurangabad. The matter is under examination.

(d) and (e) The posts of director of Postal Services are created on the basis of norms as laid down by the Department. The headquarters of Directors are decided taking into account the operational needs of the Circle. The Director of Postal Services whose headquarters is at Nagpur also controls Postal divisions in Marathwada region.

Video recording historic events

633. SHRIMATI VIJAYA RAJE SCINDIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received a representation dated the 18th June, 1981 from Shri Arun Deshmukh and sixty-seven others regarding video recording historic events;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The suggestion is to record on video the complete episodes of Shiv Katha Mala, a Ballad-cum-Lecture series on Shivaji's life which is presented as a one man show by Baba Saheb Purandara for telecast and archives.

(c) The suggestion is noted and is being examined as to whom it can be

utilised in view of the limitations of T.V. medium. Bombay Kendra has, however, already telecast a programme on the subject entitled 'SHIV KALYAN RAJA' which was conceived and presented by Baba Saheb Purandara.

Demand of telephones in Dakshina Kannada District of Karnataka

634. SHRI B. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present position with regard to meeting demands of telephones in Dakshina Kannada district of Karnataka; and

(b) what steps are proposed to be taken to expedite allotment of new telephone connections to persons on the waiting list?

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

(a) The number of applicants on the waiting list for telephone connections as on 1-8-1981 in Dakshina Kannada District is 2417.

(b) It is proposed to expand the existing exchanges.

Opening of post office in District Madhubani

635. SHRI SHIVA CHANDRA JHA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases for opening post offices in District Madhubani, Bihar are pending and the names of places where new post offices are likely to be opened;

(b) the number of Branch Post Offices in this district where the public telephone system has been installed up till now and how many Branch Post Offices are without such facility at present; and

(c) the detail of Branch Post Offices which have been upgraded up till now in the district?

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

(a) 21 cases for opening post offices are pending in the Madhubani Postal division. 3 post offices are likely to be opened during the current year in accordance with the plan targets but the places where they are to be opened are not yet decided.

(b) All Branch Post offices where public telephones were installed till March, 1981 were upgraded into extra-department sub-post offices as per policy of the department. This policy is now undergoing a review by a Committee of Senior Officers whose report is awaited. 319 branch post offices in the Madhubani Postal Division are without public telephone facility at present.

(c) Details in respect of the Madhubani Postal Division are furnished in the statement annexed. The information contained in (a), (b) and (c) above pertains to the Madhubani Postal Division which is largely co-terminus with the Madhubani District. Specific information with regard to Madhubani Distt. is under collection and will be laid separately on the Table of the House.

Statement

Details of branch post offices in the Madhubani postal division upgraded to Extra Departmental Sub Post Offices till March, 1981

1. Doodha
2. Dulhipatti
3. Harlakhi
4. Haripurdihoti
5. Kagrauli
6. Kalikapur
7. Kharmegh
8. Kumarkhat
9. Karahiyabalha
10. Raghopur