

(b) The reasons are as follows:—

(i) Late running of Road, Trains and Air Services.

(ii) Dim lights in mail vans of Sorting Sections which affect proper sorting.

(iii) Electricity cuts in several States which adversely affects proper sorting.

(iv) Shortage of accommodation in trains and buses.

(v) Delays to Mail Motor Service schedules due to traffic jam and break-downs.

Constant efforts are made to overcome these difficulties and to ensure punctuality in the functioning of these services.

(c) No, Sir. The mails posted in Delhi reach their destinations in the normal course barring a few cases of delay attributable to the circumstances mentioned at (b) above.

Relief to common litigants

1228. SHRI K. C. SEBASTIAN: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to give relief to the common litigants; and

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

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI JAGAN NATH KAUSHAL): (a) and (b) A recommendation made by the Consultative Committee of the Ministry of Law, Justice and Company Affairs favouring abolition of court fees has been recently sent to the State Governments for their consideration. The State Governments have also been requested to intimate the action taken by them.

New Telephone Exchanges for hill districts of Uttar Pradesh

1229. SHRI KRISHNA NAND JOSHI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up a few more telephone exchanges in the hill districts of Uttar Pradesh during the Sixth Plan period; and

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

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

(b) 17 more exchanges are proposed to be opened during 6th plan period as under:—

Name of Exchange	District
Purora	Uttarkashi
Bhatwari	"
Meneri	"
Dunda	"
Rajgarh	"
Baneti	"
Tilwara	Chamoli
Gwaldom	"
Kanakpur	Nainital
Pantnagar	"
Uttamnagar	"
Pada mpuri	"
Chaura Mehta	"
Bansgaon	Tehri
Lambagaon	"
Ghansali	"
Mohan	Almora