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telephone divisions of the State and the number of exchanges connected with OFC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) 71,065 villages out of 115,249 villages in Uttar Pradesh State have been provided with telecom facility till 31.07.2000. Only 44,184 villages are devoid of telephone facility;

(b) All the villages in the country, including those in Uttar Pradesh are planned to be provided with telecom facility by March, 2002 progressively.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Provision of internet facility in the villages.

3139. VEN'BLE DHAMMAVIRIYO:

SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a programme to provide internet facilities to all the villages in the country;

(b) if so, how many villages are connected so far; and

(c) by when the whole country will be covered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) There is no such proposal at present for the villages. However, there is a proposal to provide Internet facility in all the block headquarters within this financial year.

(b) and (c) Not applicable in view of (a) above.

Computerisation of post offices

†3140. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to set up the fully computerised post offices in the States capital headquarters and the district headquarters;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.