

SETTING UP OF RADIO STATION IN MADHYA PRADESH

245. SHRI SWAISINGH SISODIA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING/सूचना और प्रसारण मन्त्री be pleased to state :

(a) the time by when the Radio Stations at Gwalior, Jabalpur and Raipur will be turned into full-fledged stations ; and

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up Radio Stations at Jagdalpur (Bastar), Ambikapur (Surguja) and Mandsaur ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING/सूचना और प्रसारण मन्त्रालय में उपमन्त्री (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINGH) : (a) The existing auxiliary centres at Gwalior and Raipur will become full-fledged stations in 1973-74. The auxiliary centre at Jabalpur is not being upgraded during the Fourth Plan.

(b) Radio Stations will be set up at Jagdalpur and Ambikapur during the Fourth Plan. There is no proposal to establish one at Mandsaur.

NUMBER OF POST OFFICES IN TAMIL NADU

246. SHRI S. A. KHAJA MOHIDEEN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS/संचार मन्त्री be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Post Offices proposed to be opened during the Fourth Plan period in the State of Tamil Nadu ; and

(b) the number of Post Offices likely to be opened during the current financial year ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS/संचार मन्त्री (SHRI H. N. BAHU-GUNA) : (a) It is proposed to open 1000 Post Offices in Tamil Nadu State during the Fourth Plan period.

(b) 100 Post Offices are proposed to be opened during the current financial year.

VILLAGES PROVIDED WITH POST OFFICES

247. SHRI R. P. KHAITAN : Will (he Minister of COMMUNICATIONS/संचार मन्त्री be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of villages (State-wise) provided with post offices in the country; and

fb) the names of villages to be provided with post offices during the year 1971-72 ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS/संचार मन्त्री (SHRI H. N. BAHU-GUNA) : (a) Number of villages, State-wise, provided with post offices in the country as on 1-4-71 :

Andhra Pradesh	..	12,400
Assam	..	2,455
Bihar	..	7,803
Haryana	..	1,793
Himachal Pradesh	..	1,630
Gujarat	..	6,112
Jammu & Kashmir	..	905
Kerala	..	3,454
Madhya Pradesh	..	5,393
Maharashtra	..	7,906
¹ Meghalaya (Separate figures are not available)		
Mysore	..	7,339
Nagaland	..	72
Orissa	..	5,159
Punjab	..	2,114
Rajasthan	..	6,540
Tamil Nadu	..	8,788
Uttar Pradesh	..	11,994
West Bengal	..	5,289
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	..	35
Chandigarh	..	7
Delhi	..	103
Laccadives & Minicoy Islands..	..	9
Goa, Daman & Diu	..	135
Dadra & Nagar Havel i	..	9
Manipur	..	233
Tripura	..	288
N.E.F.A.	..	68
Pondicherry	..	61

(I) Post Offices are opened in villages subject to their fulfilling certain conditions like population, distance from the nearest Post Office and both the proposed and parent Post Offices anticipated to run within certain permissible limits of loss and the anticipated