

**Internet hub at village post offices**

1653 SHRI R. SHUNMUGASUNDARAM Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state

(a) whether there is any proposal to provide internet hubs at village post office, and

(b) the number of post offices in rural areas which have e-mail or e-post facilities and how many additional post offices would be provided with these facilities in the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD) (a) No, Sir There is no proposal to provide internet hubs at village post offices

(b) The Department has launched e-post service on an all India basis in January, 2004 There are 1,39,081 rural post offices in the country. All rural post offices can provide e-post facilities through their connected e-post transmission centres located in district towns.

**Optical fibre cable in U.P.**

1654 SHRIAMAR SINGH Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government propose to connect all sub-centres of Telecommunication Department in Uttar Pradesh with Optical Fibre Cable and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor, and

(b) whether the construction work of tower being installed to provide Cellone mobile phone service in the rural areas of U P has been completed and if not, the reasons therefor and by when, it would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD) (a) All the exchanges in Uttar Pradesh are working on reliable media such as Optical Fibre Cable, Microwave and Satellite.