

bomb explosion etc.;

(c) whether Government have examined the proposal; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) to (c) Yes Sir.

(d) The Government, after examining the proposals given by CII, have permitted setting up of independent hot sites to keep the operations on the case of disaster. These hot sites, would require to be registered as a hot site Call Centre. The Independent hot site provider will provide the infrastructure i.e. building, main server, agent positions, power plant, air conditioner etc. The various call centres desirous of availing hot site facility would provide, dedicated servers/routers at the hot site and necessary leased circuits.

### **Sankhya Vahini**

5268. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided not to proceed further with the proposal for setting up "Sankhya Vahini"; and

(b) if so, the reasons which have contributed to dropping of this proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Sankhya Vahini project has been shelved in the wake of Carnegie Mellon University (CMU), Pittsburg, USA withdrawing from the project.

### **Opening of Telephone Exchanges in Villages of UP**

5269. SHRI HARENDRA SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the existing norms for opening of telephone exchange in a village;

(b) the number of telephone exchanges functioning in Uttar Pradesh at present proposed to be set up during the current financial year, district-wise;

(c) the number of villages in the State where telephone facility is available at present or proposed to be provided;

(d) by when the said facility is likely to be provided in the remaining villages;

(e) whether there are inadequate telephone and telecommunications facilities in rural areas in the State; and

(f) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Normally a telephone exchange is planned to be opened in a village if there is a registered demand of 10 or more applicants. However, the same is under revision.

(b) The number of telephone exchanges functioning in Uttar Pradesh is 3117 and the number of telephone exchanges proposed to be set up during the current financial year is 65. The district-wise details are given in Statement-I & II (See below).

(c) The number of villages in the state where telephone facility is available at present is 90582 and the number of villages proposed to be provided with telephone facility in U.P. during 2002-03 is 6802.

(d) Telephone facility in the remaining villages is likely to be provided by December, 2002 subject to timely availability of equipment and funds.

(e) Yes, Sir. The tele-density in rural areas of Uttar Pradesh is lower than the national average.

(f) Telephone facilities are provided as per demand existing in the area. Usually greater economic and commercial activity generates more demand for telecommunication facilities.

**Statement-I**

*District-wise Telephone exchanges & Proposed Tel. Exchanges of UP (East).*

S. No.	Name of SSAs	Name of district	Exchanges as on 1-4-2002	Proposed Exchanges 2002-03
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Allahabad	Allahabad	81	1
		Kaushambi	17	0
2.	Azamgarh	Azamgarh	73	1
3.	Bahraich	Bahraich	61	1
		Srawasti	14	0
4.	Ballia	Ballia	52	1
5.	Banda	Banda	73	1
		Chitrakoot	27	0
6.	Barabanki	Barabanki	75	1
7.	Basti	Basti	32	1
		Sant Kabir Nagar	15	1
		Sidarth Nagar	29	1
8.	Deoria	Deoria	32	2
		Kushi Nagar	30	1
9.	Etawah	Etawah	25	1
		Aurraiya	22	0
10.	Faizabad	Faizabad	43	1
		Ambadkamagar	34	1
11.	Farrukhabad	Farrukhabad	19	1
		Kannauj	36	0
12.	Fatehpur	Fatehpur	52	1
13.	Ghazipur	Ghazipur	43	1
14.	Gonda	Gonda	46	2
		Balrampur	16	1
15.	Gorakhpur	Gorakhpur	54	1
		Maharajganj	25	1
16.	Hamirpur	Hamirpur	34	1
		Mahoba	13	0
17.	Hardoi	Hardoi	43	1

1	2	3	4	5
18.	Jaunpur	Jaunpur	67	1
19.	Jhansi	Jhansi	47	1
		Lalitpur	26	1
20.	Kanpur	Kanpur	26	1
		Kanpur Dehat	76	1
21.	Lakhimpur	Lakhimpur	83	1
22.	Lucknow	Lucknow	86	1
23.	Mainpuri	Mainpuri	47	1
24.	Mau	Mau	37	1
25.	Mirzapur	Mirzapur	44	1
		Sonbhadra	32	1
26.	Orai	Orai	46	1
27.	Pratapgarh	Pratapgarh	65	1
28.	Raibarailly	Raibarailly	64	1
29.	Shahajahanpur	Shahajahanpur	51	1
30.	Sitapur	Sitapur	60	1
31.	Sultanpur	Sultanpur	75	6
32.	Unnao	Unnao	64	1
33.	Varanasi	Varanasi	54	1
		Bhadohi	28	1
		Chandauli	26	0
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>2219</b>	<b>50</b>

**Statement-II**

*Telephone Exchanges functioning/proposed to be opened during  
2002-03 in Uttar Pradesh (West) Telecom. Circle*

Sl. No.	District	Number of Exchanges functioning	No. of Exchanges proposed during 2002-03
1	2	3	4
1.	Agra	75	1
2.	Firozabad	14	1
3.	Aligarh	50	1
4.	Hathras	18	0

1	2	3	4
5.	Bareilly	75	1
6.	Badaun	45	1
7.	Bijnore	68	1
8.	Buland Shahar	47	0
9.	Etah	42	1
10.	Ghaziabad	63	1
11.	Meerut	38	1
12.	Baghpat	22	1
13.	Mathura	57	1
14.	Muradabad	48	1
15.	J.P. Nagar	32	0
16.	Muzzaffarnagar	67	1
17.	G.B. Nagar	28	0
18.	Pilibhit	35	0
19.	Rampur	32	1
20.	Sharanpur	42	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>898</b>	<b>15</b>

#### **Development of branded products services in IT Sector**

5270. SHRI RUMANDALA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Advisory Committee on Information Technology has drawn up a strategy for the Indian software industry to develop branded products and services as well as specialise in consultancy;

(b) if so, what were the other major decisions taken in the meeting held in the month of May, 2001; and

(c) to what extent a final strategy in this regard has been agreed upon?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Advisory Committee deliberated upon various critical