

1	2	3
16.	Salem	5.47
17.	Sivaganga	4.73
18.	Thanjavur	5.25
19.	The Nilgiris	5.85
20.	Theni	3.50
21.	Thiruvavur	4.43
22.	Tirunelveli	4.25
23.	Thiruvannamalai	2.26
24.	Thiruvallur	1.51
25.	Trichy	5.91
26.	Tuticorin	5.53
27.	Vellore	3.85
28.	Villupuram	1.99
29.	Virudhunagar	4.25
30.	Chennai	19.52
TOTAL:		5.85

#### **Rush in Deposit of Telephone Bills in Mainpuri District**

**†2647. SHRI GHANSHYAM CHANDRA KHARWAR:  
SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV:**

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the people of Mainpuri district have to face a lot of rush in depositing their telephone bills due to negligence of top official there;

(b) if so, whether it is mandatory to deposit the bills at a particular place in Mainpuri and the post offices do not accept such bills; if so, the justifications therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to make provisions for depositing such bills in the post offices with a view to resolve the problem;

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(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor;

(f) the steps, if any, taken for resolving the problem; and

(g) whether Government propose to take stringent action against the erring officials?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR):** (a) No, Sir. The telephone subscribers of Mainpuri do not have to face difficulties in depositing their telephone bills. However, if it so happens that most subscribers decide to pay their bills on the same day (usually the "pay-by-date"), some rush would be inevitable.

(b) No, Sir. In Mainpuri the bills can be deposited at OCB telephone exchange cash counter, Departmental Telegraph Office, Head Post Office and city Post Office.

(c) to (e) Provision to deposit telephone bills at selected Head/Sub Post Offices already exists.

(f) In order to further improve the situation, the Department of Posts has recently decided to allow collection of telephone bills through certain Branch Post Offices also. These are to be selected by the Postal Circles in consultation with BSNL's Telecom Circles.

(g) No action is required in view of the replies given above.

#### **Connecting villages with wireless telephones**

**†2648. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI:** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering any plan for connecting villages with wireless telephones during the current financial year;

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