petitions, such cases are reconsidered. However, as on 1.12.1995 only 22 fresh applications received from the following States were pending with the Government:

Maharashtra	20
Uttar Pradesh	1
Himachal Pradesh	1

While every possible effort is made to communicate the decision to the applicants on their claims in the shortest possible time, receipt and disposal of claims for pension being a continuous process, no definite time frame can be laid down for disposal of claims for pension.

Telephone Connections to Villages in Karnataka

3836. SHRIMATI CHANDRA PRABHA URS: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of villages in Karnataka with and without telephone facility, separately, district-wise; and
- (b) the number of villages proposed to be provided with the said facility during 1995-96, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) As on 30.11.1995, the district-wise details of number of villages in Karnataka with and without public telephone facility separately, are given in the attached statement.

(b) The district-wise details of number of villages proposed to be provided with such facility during the year 1995-96 are given in the attached statement.

STATEMENT

District wise details of villages in Karnataka with and without telephone facility upto 30.11.1995 and villages proposed to be provided with such facility during 1995-96.

SI.No.	District	Number of	Number of	Number of
		villages	villages	villages proposed
		with public	without	to be provided
		telephone	public	with public telephone
		facility	telephone	facility during
		upto	facility	1995-96
		30.11.1995		
1.	Bangalore	718	1707	250
2.	Bidar	414	184	100
3.	Bijapur	773	471	200
4.	Belgaum	713	429	200
5.	Bellary	409	181	150
6.	Chickmagalur	463	550	200
7.	Dharwar	797	525	150
8.	Dakshina Kannada	659	Nil	Nil
9.	Davangere	436	830	200
10.	Gulbarga	687	618	200
11.	Hassan	506	1865	400
12.	Kodagu	140	148	50
13.	Kolar	737	2111	500
14.	Mysore	733	908	200
15.	Mandya	436	918	150
16.	Raichur	541	860	100
17.	Shimoga	630	1165	100
18.	Gumkur	771	1736	250
19.	Uttar Kanada	628	655	300
	Total	11191	15861	3700