

STATEMENT*No. of Automatic Telephone Exchanges functioning as on 30.11.91.*

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>Name of the District</i>	
1.	Bangalore	98
2.	Belgaum	132
3.	Bellary	66
4.	Bijapur	103
5.	Bidar/Gulbarga	144
6.	Raichur	61
7.	Davangore	91
8.	Hassan	75
9.	Kolar	86
10.	Mandya	47
11.	Tumkur	69
12.	Mysore	88
13.	Dakshina Kannada	168
14.	Hubli	110
15.	Chikmagalur	82
16.	Madikeri	62
17.	Uttara Kannada	78
18.	Shimoga	92
Total		1652

Inclusion of Scs/STs Members in Telephone Advisory Committees

2742. **SHRI GOVINDA CHANDRA MUNDA:** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Telephone advisory Committees of some of the States are yet to be formed;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether SCs/STs Members are also appointed to Telephone Advisory Committees; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) List of the Telecom Advisory Committees of the States yet to be formed are as per the attached Statement.

(c) Prominent social workers/ eminent persons are nominated to such committees including members of SC/ST Communities.

(d) Since Telecom Advisory Committees are in the stage of formation, it would not be possible to state now the names of members of the Telecom Advisory Committees.

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Names of the States where Telecom Advisory Committee are yet to be Formed.

1. Andhra Pradesh
2. Arunchal Pradesh
3. Assam
4. Goa
5. Himachal Pradesh
6. Maharashtra
7. Manipur
8. Meghalaya
9. Mizoram

10. Mizoram

11. Nagaland

12. Punjab

13. Sikkim

14. Tripura

15. West Bengal.

Better Telecommunication Facilities In Country

2743. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to provide better telecommunication facilities to the people during Eight Plan period;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of new telephone connections likely to be given by the end of the above plan?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) To provide better telecommunications facilities to the people the draft 8th plan proposals include:-

-Full automatisation of network by March 1994.

-Replacements/Upgradation of life expired and wornout equipment.

-Provision of additional 3000 Rkms of ducts of underground cables.

-Practically all new equipment proposed for induction during the 8th plan period to be of digital type.