

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

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TELECOM FACILITIES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of persons having telephone connections and cellular telephones at present in the country, each separately;
- (b) the details of comparative figures with other Asian countries; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to provide more such facilities in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) The number of telephone connections and Cellular telephones as on 30/9/2000 in the country are

- (i) Telephone Connections : 28217798
- (ii) Cellular Telephones : 2623656

(b) The details for Asian countries including India as per the year 1998 are given in Annexure.

(c) The Ninth Five Year Plan (1997-2002) of Department of Telecommunication envisages to provide telephone connections on demand in the country by 31/3/2002 with the participation of private sector complementing the efforts of the Department.