

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:133
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CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDING OF TELEPHONE EXCHANGE
MAHBOOB ZAHEDI

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have any proposal for technical development and upgradation of Kalna telephone exchange under Katwa region of West Bengal;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether a land belonging to PWD, West Bengal can be made available for building a suitable infrastructure for the purpose;
- (d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) Kalna under Katwa region is a digital electronic exchange which has been upgraded from equipped capacity of 3000 lines to 4000 lines.
- (c) Yes, sir.
- (d) The case regarding allotment of land belonging to PWD West Bengal for telecom building was taken up with District Magistrate Burdwan who has further taken up with Joint Secretary PWD Govt. of West Bengal recently.
- (e) Does not arise in view of (d).