

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:118  
ANSWERED ON:20.11.2000  
INSTALLATION OF TELEPHONE  
NANDIPAKU VENKATASWAMY

**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether any target fixed for installation of telephones in rural and urban areas in the country particularly in Andhra Pradesh during 2000-2001;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether there is any difference in the achievements of telephones in the rural and urban areas; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by the Government to remove the disparity?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Targets are fixed for large switching capacity and small & medium switching capacity exchanges in the country. The large switching capacity exchanges are in urban areas and small & medium switching capacity exchanges generally in rural areas. The state-wise details including Andhra Pradesh are given as per Annexure.

(c) & (d): The telephone connections are being installed progressively in all the states of country in rural & urban areas depending upon growth rate and waiting list. All efforts are made to fully achieve the targets during a financial year. NTP '99 envisages to provide telephone connections on demand in the country by 31/3/2002 and sustain it thereafter so as to achieve a teledensity of 7 by year 2005 and 15 by year 2010 for urban areas as well as to improve rural teledensity to 4.0 by year 2010.

**ANNEXURE**

**STATE-WISE TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS TARGET FOR THE YEAR 2000-01**

S.NO. NAME OF STATE LARGE SWITCHING SMALL & MEDIUM TOTAL  
CAPACITY SWITCHING CAPACITY

1	ANDHRA PRADESH	400000	175000	575000
2	ASSAM	45000	10000	55000
3	BIHAR	160000	100000	260000
4	GUJARAT	248000	82000	330000
5	HARYANA	110000	40000	150000
6	HIMACHAL PRADESH	20000	40000	60000
7	JAMMU & KASHMIR	38400	11600	50000
8	KARNATAKA	325000	100000	425000
9	KERALA	412500	37500	450000
10	MADHYA PRADESH	120000	30000	150000
11	MAHARASHTRA	640000	100000	740000
12	NORTH EAST	37000	13000	50000
13	ORISSA	72000	28000	100000
14	PUNJAB	125000	125000	250000
15	RAJASTHAN	110000	100000	210000
16	TAMIL NADU	575000	125000	700000
17	UTTAR PRADESH	384000	106000	490000
18	WEST BENGAL	337800	107200	445000
19	DELHI	200000	0	200000
	TOTAL	4359700	1330300	5690000

Note:

Gujarat state includes Dadar Diu, Daman & Nagar Haveli (U.T.).

Kerala state includes Lakshadweep (U.T.).  
Maharashtra state includes Goa and Mumbai.  
North- East telecom circle includes Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalay,  
Mizoram, Nagaland and Tripura state.  
Punjab state includes Chandigarh (U.T.).  
Tamil Nadu state includes Chennai and Pondicherry(U.T.).  
West Bengal state includes Calcutta and Sikkam, Andaman Nicobar state.  
Bihar state includes Jharkhand state.  
Madhya Pradesh state includes Chattisgarh state.  
Uttar Pradesh state includes Uttranchal state.