

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

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ELECTRONIC TELEPHONE EXCHANGE .

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any proposals to convert old telephone exchanges into electronic telephone exchanges in rural and urban areas of the country are under consideration of the Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise especially of Bihar;
- (c) the time by which these proposals are likely to be implemented;
- (d) the number of electronic and non-electronic telephone exchanges working at present in each State;
- (e) whether any target has been fixed by the Government to convert the old telephone exchanges into electronic exchanges for the year 2000-2001 and Ninth Five Year Plan;
- (f) if so, the details thereof State-wise and Union Territory-wise especially of Bihar and in Marathwada region of Maharashtra; and (g) the funds likely to be incurred thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS

(SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

- (a) to (c): At present all the telephone exchanges are electronic in the country.
- (d) State-wise details of electronic telephone exchanges, as on 31.10.2000, are given in Annexure.
- (e) to (g): Does not arise in view of (a) above.

STATE-WISE DETAILS OF ELECTRONIC TELEPHONE EXCHANGES AS ON 31.10.2000

S1. NO. NAME OF STATE STATUS

1. ANDHRA PRADESH 2491

2. ASSAM 437

3. BIHAR 1128

4. GUJARAT 2337

5. HARYANA 882

6. HIMACHAL PRADESH 727

7 JAMMU & KASHMIR 289

8. KARNATAKA 2377

9. KERALA 931

10. MADHYA PRADESH 2972

11. MAHARASHTRA 3898

12. NORTH EAST 339

13. ORISSA 887

14. PUNJAB 1204

15. RAJASTHAN 1982
16. TAMILNADU 1788
17. UTTAR PRADESH 2897
18. WEST BENGAL 1179
19. DELHI 193
TOTAL 28938

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 Arunanchal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya. 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, Sikkam & Andaman Nicobar (U.T.). Bihar state includes Jharkhand state. Madhya Pradesh state includes Chattisgarh state. Uttar Pradesh state includes Uttaranchal state.