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MODERNISATION OF COMMUNICATION SERVICES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Telecommunications have started a scheme for the modernization and expansion of Communication services in the country especially in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the funds allocated and spent for the purpose during the last three years, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The objectives of the Ninth Five Year Plan for modernisation and expansion of communication services in the country including Rajasthan envisages:

(1) To replace life expired and Technologically obsolete switches with digital switches.

(2) To introduce Wireless in Local Loop, Highbitrate Digital Subscriber Line (H.D.S.L), Asymmetrical Digital Subscriber Line (A.D.S.L) and Optical Fibre technologies in the Local network.

(3) To introduce better and reliable technologies for providing Village Public Telephones.

(4) That all exchanges will have reliable media.

(5) To make available sufficient band width for the spread of Internet and Information Technology.

(6) To set up Internet nodes at SSA-Level at first and then upto DHQ level.

(7) To provide ISDN (Integrated Services Digital Network) facility. It has been planned to introduce ISDN upto DHQ level, subject to availability of demand.

(8) To provide IN (Intelligent Network) services in the first phase in 9 Major cities and in second phase all over the country.

(9) Provide telephone on demand with the participation of private sector supplementing the efforts of the Government for both fixed and mobile phones.

(10) Provide telephone facility in all the villages with the participation of private sector supplementing the efforts of the Government.

(c) The state-wise funds allocated and spent during the last three years are given in Annexure.