

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3424  
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TELEPHONES BASED ON TOWER SYSTEM  
PUSP JAIN

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

- (a) the names of villages in Pali district of Rajasthan where telephones based on battery tower system have been installed, block-wise;
- (b) the number of telephones out of order in the district as on October 31, 2000.
- (c) whether the system has not been successful; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

- (a) The block-wise details of villages in Pali district of Rajasthan where telephones based on battery tower systems (MARR) have been installed are given in the Annexure.
- (b) 15 such telephones were out of order in the Pali district as on October 31, 2000.
- (c) & (d): MARR systems have not proved to be very reliable. Therefore, procurement of these systems have been discontinued. New technology equipment viz. Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) and C-DoT TDMA/PMP are planned to be deployed for providing Village Public Telephones (VPTs). Satellite terminals are proposed to be deployed in remote areas of the country for providing VPTs. Faulty and irreparable systems are planned to be replaced by reliable technology equipment. To maintain the existing systems, Annual Maintenance Contracts are being entered into with the manufacturers.