

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

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TELECOM FACILITIES
RASA SINGH RAWAT

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of persons on the waiting list for telephone connections in rural and urban areas of Rajasthan;
- (b) the time by which the waiting list is likely to be cleared;
- (c) the progress made in regard to laying of Optical Fibre Cables (OFC) in the State;
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to cover all the areas of the State with OFC;
- (e) whether the Government proposed to provide value added services in backward areas of the State;
- (f) if so, the details thereof;
- (g) whether private companies have also been given permission alongwith the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited in the field of communications in Rajasthan;
- (h) if so, the details thereof;
- (i) whether all exchanges of Rajasthan have been connected with new technique; and
- (j) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The number of persons on the waiting list in rural and urban areas of Rajasthan, as on 31/1/2001, is as under:-

Urban =	37,765
Rural =	92,271
Total =	1,30,036

This waiting list is likely to be cleared by March, 2002.

(c) During the year 2000-01, 673.50 KMs of OFC has been commissioned in Rajasthan.

(d) It is planned to provide connectivity to majority of stations on OFC and some on Radio. For this, 9,340 KMs of OF cable has been allotted to Rajasthan during the current year.

(e) & (f): Yes, Sir. Rajasthan circle has already introduced Internet Service in all the exchanges. There is a plan of providing Cellular Mobile Service by December, 2001 to 31 cities of Rajasthan which also covers District Headquarters.

(g) & (h): Yes, sir. Following private companies are also working in the filed of communications in Rajasthan:-

Sl.No.	Name of Private Company	Type of service	Service areas
1	M/s ABC Communication India Ltd.	Radio Paging	Jaipur
2	M/s Modi Korea Telecommunications Ltd.	Radio Paging	Jaipur
3	M/s Punwire Mobile Communications Ltd.	Radio Paging	Rajasthan except Jaipur
4	M/s Hexacom India Ltd.	Cellular Mobile Tel Service	Rajasthan
5	M/s Air Cell Digilink Ltd.	Cellular Mobile Tel Service	Rajasthan
6	M/s Shyam Telelink Ltd.	Basic Services	Rajasthan

(i) & (j): Yes, Sir. All 2,003 Exchanges working in Rajasthan as on 31/1/2001, are Electronic Exchanges.