

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3128  
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TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS  
SURESH KODIKUNNIL

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

- (a) whether the number of applicants waiting for telephone connections in the various telephone exchanges under the Pathanamthitta region of Kerala is very large;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, exchange-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to clear the waiting list immediately and expand the telephone exchanges in the region?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): No, sir. There are only 25545 applicants in the waiting list in Pathanamthitta Secondary Switching Area. Exchange-wise details are furnished at Annexure-I.

(c) About 5000 applicants are likely to get telephone connections by 31st March 2001. And it has been planned to clear the remaining waiting list by 31st March 2002 by expanding the existing exchanges in Pathanamthitta.

Annexure-I

Exchange-wise waiting list in Pathanamthitta Secondary Switching Area

Name of Exchange Waiting list

|               |      |
|---------------|------|
| Adoor         | 1439 |
| Aranmula      | 91   |
| Athikayam     | 428  |
| Ayiroor       | 156  |
| Chathankary   | 77   |
| Chittar       | 423  |
| Chungappara   | 448  |
| Edamonb-Ranni | 159  |
| Elamannur     | 533  |
| Elanthur      | 96   |
| Elavanthitta  | 570  |
| Ettichuvadu   | 128  |
| Ezhankulam    | 710  |
| Ezhumattoor   | 122  |
| Kadambanadu   | 625  |
| Kaipattoor    | 662  |
| Kalanjoor     | 699  |
| Kallooppara   | 138  |
| Kaviyoor      | 8    |
| Kidanganoor   | 731  |
| Kilivayal     | 1415 |
| Kodumon       | 508  |
| Konni         | 2120 |
| Kozhencherry  | 1172 |
| Kulanada      | 316  |
| Kumbanad      | 768  |
| Kumbazha      | 117  |
| Kunnamthanam  | 503  |
| Kuriyannur    | 65   |
| Kutoor        | 127  |
| Malyalapuzha  | 527  |
| Mallapally    | 882  |
| Murinjakal    | 269  |
| Niranam       | 305  |
| Omallur       | 62   |
| Pallikkal     | 507  |

Pandalam 717  
Pathanamthitta 556  
Pullad Unit I 0  
Pullad Unit II 557  
Punnaveli 58  
Ranni 610  
Ranni-Perinad 469  
Seethanhode 593  
Thannithode 234  
Thekkuthode 159  
Theodical 741  
Thumpamon 63  
Tiruvalla 612  
v. Kottayam 191  
Vadasserikkara 975  
Vaipur 293  
Vallanmkulam 8  
Vayalathala 185  
Vechoochira 469  
Vennikulam 149

Total 25545