

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2780

ANSWERED ON:13.03.2000

STD FACILITY IN VILLAGE PUBLIC TELEPHONES

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the demands for providing STD facilities in the rural areas of the country particularly in Bihar, Andhra Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh are pending with the Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof as on date, state-wise; (
- (c) the number of STD booths provided in rural areas of Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar during the last one year, district-wise;
- (d) whether the Department of Telecommunications has decided to provide STD facility in all the Tehsil headquarters of rural and tribal areas of the country;
- (e) if so, whether all the rural exchanges are being upgraded for meeting this requirement;
- (f) whether the internal committee set up by the Department has recommended induction of wireless in the local loop to increase the telecom penetration in rural areas and satellite terminals to reach out to remote areas; and (g) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS

(SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) & (b): There are a number of demands for provision of STD facility in the rural areas. Out of 20382 rural exchanges in the country STD facility has been provided to 16636 rural exchanges. In Bihar, Andhra Pradesh & Uttar Pradesh 14, 86 & 552 exchanges respectively are yet to be provided with STD facility. The State-wise details of number of exchanges in the rural areas which are yet to be provided with STD facility are available in Annexure-I.

(c) : The number of STD Booths provided in rural areas of Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar are available in Annexure -II.

(d) & (e) : Yes sir, The remaining exchanges are planned to be provided with STD facility progressively by March, 2002 subject to availability of resources.

(f) & (g) : Yes Sir, the internal committee headed by MOS (C) has recommended wireless in Local Loop (WLL) for rural areas and satellite terminals for remote and far-flung areas.

Recommendations of the committee have been accepted by the government and action for procurement of WLL systems and Satellite based terminals has been initiated.

ANNEXURE - I

Statement in respect of Part (a), (b) & (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.2780 for 13th March, 2000 regarding STD facility in Village Public Telephones.

NUMBER OF TELEPHONE EXCHANGES PENDING STATE-WISE FOR PROVISION OF STD FACILITY IN RURAL AREAS ON 29.2.2000.

SL.NO.	STATES	NO. OF EXCHANGES
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1.	Andhra Pradesh	86
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2.	Assam	0
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3.	Bihar	14
4.	Gujarat	103
5.	Haryana	253
6.	Himachal Pradesh	54
7.	Jammu & Kashmir	86
8.	Karnataka	10
9.	Kerala	0
10.	Maharashtra	1184
11.	Goa	6
12.	Madhya Pradesh	640
13.	Arunachal Pradesh	33
14.	Manipur	7
15.	Meghalaya	4
16.	Mizoram	17
17.	Nagaland	12
18.	Tripura	5
19.	Orissa	1
20.	Punjab	67
21.	Rajasthan	493
22.	Tamil Nadu	0
23.	Uttar Pradesh	552
24.	West Bengal	28
25.	Sikkim	3

Total 3658

In Andhra Pradesh there were additional 88 rural exchanges which were burnt or temporarily closed due to extremist problem.

ANNEXURE - II

DETAILS OF THE NUMBER OF STD BOOTHS PROVIDED IN RURAL AREAS OF ANDHRA PRADESH, UTTAR PRADESH, BIHAR DURING THE LAST ONE YEAR DISTRICT - WISE.

NAME OF THE DISTRICT	STD BOOTHS PROVIDED IN RURAL AREAS DURING 1999-2000 (AS ON 29.2.2000)	NAME OF THE DISTRICT	STD BOOTHS PROVIDED IN RURAL AREAS DURING 1999-2000 (AS ON 29.2.2000)
ANDHRA PRADESH		UTTAR PRADESH	
1. ADILABAD	50	11. BAREILLY	43
2. ANANTHAPUR	34	12. DEHRADUN	12
3. CHITTOOR	146	13. ETAH	05
4. CUDDAPAH	62	14. GHAZIABAD	09
5. EAST GODAVARI	152	15. BULANDSHAHAR	118
6. GUNTUR	260	16. G.B.NAGAR	19
7. HYDERABAD	0	17. MORADABAD	0
8. RANGAREDDY	35	18. AMROHA	0

9. KARIMNAGAR	45	19. MEERUT	139
10. KHAMMAM	12	20. BAGPAT	52
11. KRISHNA	115	21. MUZAFFARNAGAR	50
12. KURNOOL	81	22. MATHURA	0
13. MAHABUBNAGAR	67	23. NAINITAL	0
14. MEDAK	32	24. UDHAM SINGH NAGAR	0
15. NALGONDA	77	25. RAMPUR	04
16. NELLORE	78	26. HARIDWAR	12
17. NIZAMABAD	57	27. SAHARANPUR	30
18. PRAKASHAM	78	28. CHAMOLI	17
19. SRIKAKULAM	37	29. PAURI	52
20. VISAKHAPATNAM	14	30. RUDRAPRAYAG	11
21. VIZIANAGARAM	64	31. UTTARKASHI	04
22. WARANGAL	35	32. TEHRI (GWL)	22
23. WEST GODAVARI	94	33. PILIBHIT	02
UTTAR PRADESH		34. ALLAHABAD	05
		35. KAUSHAMBI	02
1. AGRA	216	36. BAHARICH	06
2. FEROZABAD	02	37. SHRAWASTI	02
3. ALIGARH	0	38. BANDA	02
4. HATHRAS	0	39. CHITRAKOT	01
5. ALMORA	44	40. BASTI	70
6. BAGESHWAR	0	41. SIDHARTHANAGAR	30
7. CHAMPAWAT	01	42. SANT KABIR NAGAR	25
8. PITHORAGARH	04	43. ETAWAH	02
9. BADAUN	0	44. AURAIYA	01
10. BIJNORE	53	45. FAIZABAD	25

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RURAL AREAS DURING 1999-2000 (AS ON 29.2.2000)	UTTAR PRADESH	RURAL AREAS DURING 1999-2000 (AS ON 29.2.2000)	BIHAR
46. AMBEDKARNAGAR	20	81. SITAPUR	02
47. FARRUKHABAD	11	82. SULTANPUR	60
48. KANNAUJ	05	83. UNNAO	15
49. GONDA	50	1. ARRAH (BHOJPUR)	39
50. BALRAMPUR	20	2. BUXAR	07
51. GORAKHPUR	05	3. BHAGALPUR	52
52. MAHRAJGANJ	02	4. BANKA	12
53. HAMIRPUR	0	5. CHAPRA	70
54. MAHOBA	0	6. SIWAN	50
55. KANPUR	20	7. GOPALGANJ	39
56. KANPUR-DEHAT	02	8. DARBHANGA	234
57. MIRZAPUR	20	9. SAMASTIPUR	160
58. SONEBHADRA	10	10. BEGUSARAI	63
59. BHADOHI	04	11. MADHUBANI	246
60. CHANDAULI	03	12. KHAGARIA	64
61. VARANASI	08	13. PALAMU	35
62. JHANSI	01	14. GARHWA	22
63. LALITPUR	0	15. DUMKA	03
64. DEORIA	07	16. DEOGHAR	03
65. MAU	25	17. GODDA	02
66. KUSHINAGAR	08		

67.	AZAMGARH	95	18.SAHEBGANJ	02
68.	BALLIA	0	19.PAKUR	01
69.	BARABANKI	0	20 DHANBAD	32
70.	FATEHPUR	05	21.BOKARO	18
71.	GAZIPUR	01	22.GAYA	89
72.	HARDOI	0	23.NAWADA	11
73.	JAUNPUR	75	24.JAHANABAD	14
74.	LAKHIMPUR	02	25.AURANGABAD	57
75.	LUCKNOW	0	26.HAZARIBAGH	15
76.	MAINPURI	01	27.GIRIDIH	13
77.	ORAI	0	28.CHATRA	02
78.	PRATAPGARH	55	29.KODARMA	07
79.	RAEBARELI	20	30.EAST SINGHBHUM	03
80.	SHAHJAHANPUR	01	31.WEST SINGHBHUM	03

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BIHAR

32.	KATIHAR		60
33.	PURNEA		59
34.	ARARIA		31
35.	KISHANGANJ	44	
36.	EAST CHAMPARAN	40	
37.	WEST CHAMPARAN	30	
38.	MUNGER		09
39.	LAKHISARAI		16
40.	SHEIKHPURA		14
41.	JAMUI		03
42.	MUZAFFARPUR	04	
43.	VAISHALI		03
44.	SITAMARHI		02
45.	SHEOHAR		02
46.	PATNA		46
47.	NALANDA		06
48.	RANCHI		89
49.	LOHARDAGA	05	
50.	GUMLA		03
51.	SAHARSA		24
52.	SUPAUL		32
53.	MADHEPURA	38	
54.	ROHTAS		31
55.	KAIMUR (BHABHUA)	51	