

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TELEPHONE EXCHANGES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of telephone exchanges set up and modernized in the country as on date, State-wise;
- (b) the number of new telephone exchanges proposed to be set up and modernized in the country during 2000-2001, State-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for the improvement of telecom services and adopt new technology ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS

(SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) & (b) Sir, The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

(c) Following steps are being taken to improve the telecom services:-

- i) To provide reliable transmission media in a phased manner to the exchanges working on overhead media.
- ii) To induct modern technology like Wireless in local loop, High Bit Rate Digital Subscriber line in the access network.
- iii) Introduction of new and value added services.
- iv) Induction of modern tools and testing aids in the network.
- v) Computerisation of fault repair services.
- vi) Introduction of digital loop carrier on optical fiber cable in the out door network.
- vii) Opening of more and more remote line units reducing the area to be served by each exchange with the corresponding reduction in the size of the underground cables feeding to the customers.