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TELECOM FACILITIES IN JAMMU AND KASHMIR
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of persons on the waiting list for telephone connections in Jammu and Kashmir at present, district-wise;
- (b) the number of telephone connections allotted in the State during the last three years, district-wise;
- (c) the number of telephone connections proposed to be provided during 2001-2002 and 2002-2003, location-wise;
- (d) the time by which the waiting list is likely to be cleared;
- (e) whether telephone services in Baramulla region of the State are not functioning satisfactorily;
- (f) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (g) the steps taken by the Government to improve the situation?

Answer

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

(a) The number of persons on the waiting list for telephone connection in Jammu & Kashmir at present District wise is as under:

District	W/L	District	W/L
Leh	1353	Jammu	7310
Kargil	435	Shrinagar	10616
Rajouri	1346	Anantnag	2368
Poonch	391	Pulwama	2728
Udhampur	1330	Badgam	244
Doda	1135	Baramulla	4239
Kathua	1630	Kupwara	357

(b) No. of telephone connections allotted during last three years. Districtwise/Yearwise information is as under :

District	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
Leh	426	345	439
Kargil	114	108	159
Rajouri	810	117	637
Poonch	663	103	203
Udhampur	1713	1126	1469
District	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
Doda	114	546	249
Kathua	335	186	969
Jammu	3799	5133	8255
Shrinagar	9943	8521	6713
Anantnag	622	500	500
Pulwama	765	539	1006
Badgam	261	300	511
Baramulla	1101	430	516
Kupwara	153	41	440

(c) The no. of telephone connections proposed to be provided in whole of J&K Circle during 2001-02 is as mentioned below. The plan for provision of telephone connection during 2002-03 has not been finalised so far.

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The District wise location for the above is yet to be finalised.

(d) The present waiting list is likely to be cleared by the year 2001-02.

(e & f) The telephone services in general are working satisfactorily in Baramulla region. However, there is complaint about congestion in media. Baramulla as well as Kupwara is proposed to be linked through OFC by 2001-2002.

(g) The steps taken by the Government to improve the situation are as under:-

- (i) Existing exchanges are being upgraded by installing higher capacity exchanges.
- (ii) OFC is proposed to be laid in the area to improve the STD connectivity.
- (iii) New cables are also being laid in the area to improve the outdoor plant.