

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4289
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BASIC TELEPHONE IN NAGPUR
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether Hughes Telecom India Limited has launched its basic telephone services in Nagpur from October, 2000;
- (b) If so , the details thereof?
- (c) Whether the company has been granted a licence for basic telephony in Goa and Maharashtra States;
- (d) If so, the number of basic telephone connections likely to be released by the company during 2001-02; and
- (e) The total expenditure to be incurred thereon?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): The Hughes Telecom (India) Limited has launched basic telephone service in Nagpur in March, 2001.
- (c) Yes, Sir.
- (d) & (e): The company has reported that the number of basic telephone connections likely to be released during 2001-02 is about one lakh and the total expenditure incurred is about Rs. 1800 crores.