

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5361  
ANSWERED ON:23.04.2001  
BATTERY OPERATED TELEPHONE  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the names of the villages in Dhule district of Maharashtra where battery operated telephone based on Tower System have been set up;
- (b) the number of telephones out of order in the said district as on March 31, 2001;
- (c) whether the system has not been successful;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

- (a) The names of VPTs working on MARR system in Dhule District of Maharashtra Telecom Circle is enclosed in Annexure.
- (b) 75 number of MARR VPTs are out of order in Dhule District as on 31/03/2001.
- (c) & (d): The functioning of MARR VPTs has not been fully satisfactory.

The main reasons are:-

- (i) Reliability of MARR VPT System is not up to the mark.
- (ii) Un-Reliable Power Supply at the village level are also responsible for the high VPT Fault rate. VPTs which depend on power supply for re-charging of their Battery are more susceptible to faults due to the extended period of power failure and subsequent non-charging of Batteries.
- (iii) Maintenance problems due to non-availability of proper approach roads to reach the VPT locations.
- (iv) Poor maintenance support from suppliers.
- (e) The following steps have been taken to ensure smooth functioning of the VPTs:-
  1. Testing of VPTs are carried out daily from the exchange. Any VPT not responding on two consecutive days are being treated as faulty.
  2. Testing of MARR links are carried out daily from the base Station.
  3. Meter readings are checked fortnightly and low reading is taken as an indication of the system not performing properly and are being specially checked.
  4. VPT holders have been asked to book their fault at telephone exchange/JTO in charge.
  5. Repair centres are in process of being set-up in each circle.
  6. AMC has been entered into with many suppliers of the system.
  7. SSA Heads are holding meetings with villagers to sort out the grievances.
  8. Flying squads have been constituted at circle/TCHQ level.

9. Following new technologies are being tried in the network for induction:

- WLL (Wireless in Local Loop)
- C-DOT -TDMA PMP System (C-DOT developed Time Division Multi Access Point to Multipoint system)
- Satellite Base Terminals for remote and inaccessible areas.

10 Unserviceable MARR System are proposed to be replaced.

ANNEXURE

NAMES OF VPT ON MARR SYSTEM IN DHULE DISTRICT

MAHARASHTRA TELECOM CIRCLE

(Ltr. NO. CGMT/MH/CS/PQ/DY. NO. 5361/13th LS/VI/2001 DT. 19/4/2001)

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No. VPT NAME

(SDCA-SINDKHEDA)	(SDCA-KUSUMBA)	(SDCA-SAKRI)	(SDCA-PIMPALNER)	(SDCA-SHIRPUR)	(SDCA-DHULE)
1	ACHCHHI	AMODE	AICHALE	AMALI	ADHE AJANG
2	AKADSA	CHHAVADI	AKKALPADA	CHIPIPADA	AHILYAPUR AJNALE
3	AMALTHE	GHANEGAON	AMBEMOHAR	DAPUR	AJANAD AMDAD
4	AMARALE	HATTI BK	ASTANE	DHOLIPADA	AMBE ANCHADE
5	ARAVE	LAMKANI	BALSANE	DHOLIVIHIR	BHORTEK ARNI
6	BABHALDE	LONKHEDE	BEHAD	DHONGADE	BORGAON BABHULWADI
7	BHILANED	BURUDKHE	JAMKHEL	BORPANI	BALHANE
8	CHANDGAD	CHINCKHEDA	JAMZIRA	CHAKDU	DAHAYANE
9	CHIMTHAWAL	CHIPALIPADA	KADWALE	CHANDPURI	DHAMANE
10	DASWEL	DARKHEL	KHANDBARA	CHANDSE	DHANDANE
11	DEGAON	DATARTI	KOKANGAON	CHANDSURYA	DIWANMALA
12	DHAVADE	DEVJIPADA	LAGADWAL	DAVLIVIHIR	GADUTAR
13	DONGARGAON	DHANGAI	MACHMAL	DONDWADE	GOTANE
14	HISPUR	DHAVALIVIHIR	MAUJIPADA	FATTEPUR	HARANMAL
15	HOL P B	DOMKANI	MOHANE	GARTAD	HENKALWADI
16	HUMBARDE	HATTI KH.	PARGAON	HATED	HINGANE
17	JAKHANE	ISARDE	SELBARI	JAITPUR	JUNNAR
18	JASANE	JAIBHIM	SHEWAGE	JALOD	KALKHEDE
19	KALGAON	JAMBHORE	SITARAMPUR	JAMNIYAPANI	KASVIHIR
20	KALMADI	JAMDA	SUKAPUR	JAMNYAPADA	KUNDANE (WAR)
21	KAMKHEDE	JAMKIKADHARE	VIRKHEL	JAPORE	MORSHEWADI
22	KAMPUR	KADHARE	ZANZALE	JATHODE	NANDANE
23	KANCHANPUR		KURUSWADE	JOHIDE	NARVHAL
24	KHARDE BK		KUTTARMARE		JUNISANGVI NIMKHEDI
25	KUMBHARE		MAHATMAPUR		KHAMBALE PADALDE
26	LOHGAON		MAHIR		KHURKHALI RANMALA
27	MHALSAR		NADSE		LAUKI RAVER
28	NEVADE		NAGPUR		MANJARI SADGAON
29	PARSOLE		NAVAPADA		MANJARIBARDI SANJORI
30	PIMPARKHEDA		NILGAVHAN		MUKHED SAUNDANE
31	RAHIMPUR		PANGAN		NANDARDE SAWALDE
32	RANJANE		PANHALIPADA		NIMZARI SAWALI
33	REWADI		PEREJPUR		PARSHIPADA SAYANE
34	SAHUR		PETALE		PILODE SUKWAD PR
			DANGARI		
35	SARVE		PHOPADE		PIMPRI TAMASWADI
36	SATARE		PINJARZADI		ROHINI TIKHI
37	SHENWADE		RAIPUR		RUDAWALI TISGAON
38	SONDALE		RAJANIPADA		SAMARIYAPADA UDANE
39	SONEWADI		SALTEK		TAJPURI VAJIRKHEDA
40	SURAY		SATMANE		TEMBHE BK VARKHEDE
41	TAMTHARE		SAYYADNAGAR		UKHALWADI WADEL
42	TAWKHEDA PN		SURPAN		UPPARPIND
43	VADADE		TAMASWADI		VANAWAL
44	VADLI		TEMBHE		VARZADI
45	VAGHODE		TITANE		WAGBARDA
46	VAIPUR		UMBRANDI		WAKPADA
47	VALKHEDE		VARDHANE		
48	VARZADI		VARSUS		
49	VASMANE		VASANTNAGAR		
50	VIKHURLE		VASDARE		
51	VIKWEL		ZIRANIPADA		
52	WAGHADI KH				
53	ZIRVE				
54	ZOTWADE				

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