

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:6  
ANSWERED ON:23.07.2001  
TELEPHONE SERVICES IN VILLAGES  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the village telephone service is not functioning properly in many parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the facts thereof and the reason therefor; state-wise and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to improve the situation?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STA QUESTION NO. 6 FOR 23rd JULY, 2001 REGARDING TELEPHONE SERVICES IN VILLAGES.

(a) & (b): While every effort is made to provide satisfactory telephone services in villages, there are areas where due to reasons such as unsatisfactory power supply, inadequate road infrastructure and maintenance facilities, it has not been possible to ensure proper functioning of these services.

(c) The following steps are being taken to improve the services in rural areas:-

(i) Provision of reliable transmission media to exchanges by end of March, 2002.

(ii) Provision of generator sets to take care of long duration power break downs.

(iii) Replacement of Analogue exchanges by digital exchanges.

(iv) Rehabilitation/up-gradation of external plant.

(v) Provision of VPT on WLL in a phased manner.

(vi) Daily testing of VPT`s from telephone exchanges.

(vii) Formation of Core group in each SSA for prompt restoration of VPT`s.