

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS  
LOK SABHA**

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TELECOM FACILITIES  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number and capacity of telephone exchanges functioning in Bolangir region of Orissa at present ;
- (b) the number of such exchanges lying out of order ;
- (c) the reasons therefore ;
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to make them functional;
- (e) the number of persons on the waiting list for telephone connection in exchange in the region at present ; and
- (f) the time by which the said list is likely to be cleared ?

**Answer**

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

(a) As on 30.6.2001, there are 43 numbers of telephone exchanges functioning in Bolangir region of Orissa with equipped capacity of 24680.

(b) & (c): All the exchanges are working satisfactorily except the following 04 exchanges due to prolonged power failure and water logging in the exchange.

(i) Subalaya

(ii) Ullunda

(iii) Mahadevapalli

(iv) Sindurpur

(d) Steps are being taken to revive the exchanges as soon as the power by WESCO (Western Electric Supply Company) is restored and water logging is over.

(e) The waiting list as on 30.6.2001 is 1155. Exchange-wise details are given at Annexure-I.

(f) Majority of the waiting list is in rural areas which will be cleared on deployment of WLL in rural network by March 2002.