

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether there is inadequate telephone and telecommunication facilities in rural and Kandi areas of Jammu and Kashmir particularly in far-flung areas of district Rajouri and Poonch;
- (b) if so, whether the Government propose to launch a special drive to provide said facilities in these areas; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) For the year 2001-2002, following targets have been fixed for Rajouri and Poonch districts:-

Sl.No.	Parameter	Target
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1	Addition in telephone exchanges capacity	6392 lines
2	Provision of net Direct Exchange Lines (DELs)	3500 Nos.
3	Provision of Village Public Telephones (VPTs)	78 Nos.
4	OFC connectivity	13 exchanges
5	Microwave system	3 exchanges
6	MCPC V-SATs	12 Nos.

In addition to above, Internet Nodes are also planned at District Headquarters of Rajouri and Poonch during 2001-2002.