

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:304
ANSWERED ON:13.08.2001
TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a heavy waiting list for new telephone connections in many States;
- (b) if so, the number of persons on the waiting list for telephone connections in each districts of those States as on July 31, 2001, separately; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to clear the waiting list in those States?

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 STARRED QUESTION NO. 304 FOR 13th AUGUST, 2001 REGARDING TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS.

(a) & (b): The waiting list in the States of J&K, Kerala and West Bengal is comparatively more since the ratio of waiting list to the total working connections in these States is more than the average annual growth rate of about 22% for the country. The district-wise waiting list for telephone connections in these States, as on 31.7.2001 is as per Annexure.

(c) Steps being taken to clear the waiting list are as follows:

1. Increase of switching capacity by installing new exchanges and expansion of the existing exchanges.
2. Laying the new underground cables for expansion of the existing network.
3. Provision of WLL and cellular telephones to make the remote places accessible.

ANNEXURE

DISTRICT-WISE DETAILS OF WAITING LIST AS ON 31.7.2001

Jammu & Kashmir Circle Kerala Circle West Bengal Circle

Sl. No. Name of District No. of Persons on Wait list Sl. No. Name of District No. of Persons on Wait list Sl. No. Name of District No. of Persons on Wait list

1 Jammu	7954	1 Kasaragod	42372	1 Burdwan	34267
2 Udhampur	1055	2 Cannanore	78841	2 Murshidabad	16558
3 Kathua	915	3 Calicut	25557	3 Bakura	9437
4 Doda	931	4 Wynad	84735	4 Howrah	15128
5 Rajouri	964	5 Malappuram	111653	5 Hoogly	16002
6 Poonch	260	6 Palghat	51465	6 24 Parganas (N)	14304
7 Leh	1562	7 Trichur	72193	7 24 Parganas (S)	16042
8 Kargil	627	8 Ernakulam	59367	8 Coochbehar	4223
9 Srinagar	16793	9 Idukki	32369	9 Jalpaiguri	4859
10 Baramula	5206	10 Kottayam	48657	10 Midnapur	24382
11 Kupwara	911	11 Allepey	72294	11 Nadia	24252
12 Anantnag	4025	12 Pathanamthitta	23615	12 Malda	6225
13 Pulwama	2516	13 Quilon	87336	13 Purulia	2703
14 Badgam	2568	14 Trivandrum	55020	14 Dinajpur(N)	4200
		15 Lakshadweep (UT)	155	15 Dinajpur(S)	2007
		16 Mahe (UT)	2193	16 Darjeeling	11808
		17 Birbhum	12052		
		18 Sikkim(E)	50		
		19 Sikkim (W)	37		
		20 Sikkim (N)	47		
		21 Sikkim (S)	43		

Total 46287 Total 847822 Total 218626