

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1170  
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TELECOM FACILITIES  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of telephone exchanges set up in the country during the last three years and till date, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government have taken any measures to provide regular and effective telephone services and smooth functioning of said exchanges in the country especially in Jharkhand and Bihar; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) 8370 number of telephone exchanges have been set up in the country during the last three years and 148 telephone exchanges have been set up from 1.4.2001 to 30.6.2001. State-wise details are given in Annexure.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The following measures are taken to provide regular and effective telephone services and smooth running of the exchanges in the country including Jharkhand and Bihar.

1. Provision of reliable transmission media to exchanges.
2. Provision of generator set to take care of long duration of power break down.
3. Replacement of Analogue exchanges by Digital exchanges.
4. Rehabilitation/up gradation of external plant.
5. Introduction of Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) technology in phased manner.

Number of Telephone Exchanges set up during the last 3 years and 1.4.01 to 30.6.01

S.No. STATES NUMBER OF TELEPHONE EXCHANGES SET UP DURING

1998-99 1999-2000 2000-2001 TOTAL 2001-2002  
(1.4.01 to  
30.6.01)

1	ANDHRA PRADESH	83	358	367	808	17
2	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	13	8	5	26	nil
3	ASSAM	52	54	61	167	10
4	BIHAR	43	100	272	415	3
5	CHHATISGARH	10	45	54	109	1

6	DELHI	14	15	9	38	nil
7	GOA	6	17	20	43	1
8	GUJARAT	72	122	453	647	8
9	HARYANA	63	51	68	182	7
10	HIMACHAL PRADESH	36	64	69	169	4
11	JAMMU & KASHMIR	18	27	15	60	nil
12	JHARKHAND	10	39	51	100	2
13	KARNATAKA	68	115	144	327	15
14	KERALA	37	79	69	185	3
15	MADHYA PRADESH	41	97	101	239	4
16	MAHARASHTRA	253	428	954	1635	24
17	MANIPUR	3	1	1	5	nil
18	MEGHALAYA	9	7	13	29	nil
19	MIZORAM	5	4	12	21	nil
20	NAGALAND	2	7	5	14	nil
21	ORISSA	38	71	133	242	2
22	PUNJAB	92	106	94	292	17
23	RAJASTHAN	153	181	103	437	nil
24	SIKKIM	9	3	3	15	2
25	TAMIL NADU	126	109	195	430	18
26	TRIPURA	5	5	3	13	nil
27	UTTAR PRADESH	295	401	486	1182	5
28	UTTARANCHAL	23	23	35	81	1
29	WEST BENGAL	139	110	210	459	4

TOTAL 1718 2647 4005 8370 148