

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

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TELEGRAPH FACILITY IN GRAM PANCHAYATS

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Gram Panchayats in the country where telegraph facility is available;
- (b) whether the Government have formulated any scheme to provide the said facility to each Gram Panchayat; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) There are 32009 Gram Panchayats in the country where telegraph facilities are available.
- (b) & (c): There is no policy of the Department to provide Telegraph facility in each Gram Panchayat. The Telegraph facility is provided as per demand and justification.