

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2236
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TELEPHONE BILLS
MANIBHAI RAMJIBHAI CHAUDHARY

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to increase the number of banks depositing telephone bills for the convenience of the telephone subscribers; and

(b) 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) & (b): For the convenience of the telephone subscribers over 3457 branches of various nationalised/scheduled banks and the State Bank of India have already been authorised through out the country for collection of bills for the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited. The no. of branches doing collections are increasing continuously.