

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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TELEPHONE EXCHANGES IN ORISSA
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether number of rural telephone exchanges in Orissa particularly in Bolangir region are less than their requirements;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of exchanges in Orissa State and Bolangir Secondary Switching Area (SSA) are given below:-

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There are 993 exchanges in the State with an equipped capacity of 6,72,861 lines and 5,47,145 Direct Exchange Lines (DELs). The present waiting list is 86,510.

BOLANGIR SSA: (Secondary Switching Area)

The SSA is spread over an area of 8,836 Sq. Kms. There are 43 exchanges with an equipped capacity of 24,680 lines and 18,177 Direct Exchange Lines (DELs). The present waiting list is 1,372.

(c) The plans for the year 2002-02 are given below:-

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It is planned to set up 50 new telephone exchanges and in addition, provide 64,000 lines of Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) for rural and inaccessible areas.

BOLANGIR SSA: (Secondary Switching Area)

It is planned to setup 3 new telephone exchanges and in addition, provide 4,500 lines of Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) for rural and inaccessible areas.