

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5100
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TELEPHONE FACILITY IN VILLAGES
BISHNU PADA RAY;VISHNU DEO SAI

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of villages having/yet not having telephone facility in Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Chhattisgarh at present, separately, district-wise;
- (b) the number of villages where said facility is proposed to be provided in the said Island and State during 2001-2002, district-wise;
- (c) whether in 158 tribal villages of the Southern group of Islands no telephone connections have been provided;
- (d) if so, whether the Government propose to set up Multi Access Rural Radio (MARR) system in those areas;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the time by which this facility is likely to be provided in the remaining villages?

Answer

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

- (a) to (f): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.