

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3453
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MODERNISATION OF TELEGRAPH SERVICES IN J & K
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government have taken any initiative to modernise the telegraph services in Jammu and Kashmir;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise;
- (c) whether any budgetary provision has been made for this purpose during the current financial year;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which the modernisation work is likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Yes Sir

(b) Microprocessor based electronic message Switches like Store and Forward Message Switching System (SFMSS) and Electronic Key Board Concentrators (EKBC) have been provided to link and network telegraph offices for quick transmission of telegrams. Bureaufax Service has been provided for Fax facilities. District wise details are given in Annex. (1)

(c) & (d) No separate budgetary provision is made for telegraph services.

(e) The modernisation is an ongoing process and the remaining Districts will be covered on need- basis.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PART (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3453 FOR 17TH APRIL, REGARDING MODERNISATION OF TELEGRAPH SERVICES IN J&K

Annexure. - 1

Details of the modernisation work in J&K

Sl.No Name of the District Whether Modernised Facilities Available

1. Jammu Yes EKBC, FAX

2. Kathua -do- EKBC Port, FAX

3. Udhampur -do- EKBC Port, FAX

4. Rajouri -do- EKBC Port, FAX

5. Poonch -do- FAX

6. Srinagar -do- SFMSS Port, EKBC Port ,FAX

7. Leh -do- EKBC Port, FAX

8. Anantnag Not yet

9. Baramula -do-

10. Kupwara -do-

11. Pulwama -do-

12. Doda -do-

13. Kargil -do-