

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2544
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PROCUREMENT OF OFC STORES FOR ODUGATHUR
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a number of Telephone applicants from Melarasampet area under Gudiyatham Exchange are still awaiting their telephone connections in the suburban of Vellore District in Tamil Nadu State;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the stores of OFC for Odugathur to Melarasampet has been procured;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons for the delay in procuring the OFC for Odugathur?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) There is no telephone exchange at Melarasampet. This area is being served by Odugathur Telephone Exchange which is nearly at a radial distance of 9.5 KM. A waiting list of 12 is pending in this area for provision of telephone connections. All these demands are long distance connections. At present, these connections are non-feasible. However, these connections are proposed to be provided during the year 2002-2003 using WLL (Wireless in Local Loop) technology.
- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.
- (e) There is no proposal for new exchange at Melarasampet, as the present demand does not justify for a new exchange. Hence, the provision of OFC does not arise at present.