

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:621
ANSWERED ON:28.02.2000
INSTALLATION OF UNDER GROUND CABLES
SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to instal underground cables of telephones in Delhi and Hyderabad;
- (b) if so, the total area covered during the last three years under the scheme so far;
- (c) the total cable network likely to be replaced in both the States, separately;
- (d) the reasons for delay in converting pole wire to underground wire system; and
- (e) the time by which the work is likely to be completed in the said States? *****

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) to (e)

Delhi (MTNL) - MTNL, Delhi Telephones are already laying underground Telephone cables. The entire area of NCT Delhi is covered by Cable network . There is no delay in converting pole wire to underground wire system. A comprehensive plan of rehabilitation is undertaken by the MTNL, Delhi Telephones. The work is likely to be completed by the year 2003.

Hyderabad (AP Circle) - On experimental basis, Department proposes to replace overhead drop wire by underground cables to subscriber premises to reduce the faults. For this purpose one exchange in each SSA is being chosen. Since it is being done on experimental basis, there is no time bound programme for the implementation of this proposal.