

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS  
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNICATION SYSTEM  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the communication system in Gujarat, Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh are poor as compared to the other States;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to improve the communication system in these States; and
- (d) the amount spent on the development of communication system in these States during the last three years?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): No, Sir. The telecommunication systems in Gujarat, Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh are comparable with other states.

(c) The following steps are taken in a phased manner to further improve the telecommunication system in the States.

- (i) Replacement of non life expired paper core cable by jelly filled cables.
- (ii) Induction of 5 pair PIJF cable.
- (iii) Opening of more and more internal DPs by laying 5 pair cable up to the subscriber premises.
- (iv) Opening of more and more RLU/RSUs for reducing the serving area of the exchange and corresponding reduction in cable length.
- (v) Replacement of life expired telephone instrument.
- (vi) Introduction of WLL.

(d) The amount spent on the development of telecommunication system in Gujarat, Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh during the last three years is as under:

(Amount in crores of Rupees)

State	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001	provisional	A/cs Not yet closed
Gujarat	552.24	820.47	1014.48		
Maharashtra	1388.73	1743.13	2043.25		
UP (East)	679.70	675.90	829.31		
UP (West)	334.50	495.62	500.4		

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