

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:837  
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TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS AND STD FACILITY IN RAJASTHAN  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of applicants registered for getting telephone connections in Tonk area of Rajasthan;
- (b) the dates since when these applications are pending;
- (c) the reasons for not providing telephone connections so far;
- (d) the time by which they are likely to be provided telephone connections;
- (e) whether the applications are also pending for getting STD facility in various villages in Tonk area;
- (f) if so, since when alongwith the places from which the applications for STD facility have been received; and (g) the time by which these applications are likely to be cleared?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SIKDAR)

- (a) The number of applicants registered as on 31.01.2002 for getting telephone connections in Tonk district is 1682.
- (b) The year wise pendency of waiting list is given in the annexure please.
- (c) These connections are long distance connections and are presently technically not feasible. The oldest wait listed applicant (since 18.5.1996) is of Bahar village, (Newai Tehsil, in Tonk SSA) which is 11 Kms, from the nearest telephone exchange-`Siras`.
- (d) All waitlisted applicants shall be provided connections by March, 2003 subject to availability of funds and material.
- (e) No, Sir. However only 12 exchanges are without STD facility at present.
- (f) & (g): Not applicable in view of (e) above.

**ANNEXURE**

The year wise pendency of waiting list in Tonk SSA

Year    Waiting list

1996	01
1997	15
1998	78
1999	104
2000	217
2001	440
2002	827

Total    1682