

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:915  
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TELEPHONE FACILITY TO VILLAGES  
ARUN KUMAR

**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 4012 dated August, 20, 2001 regarding telecom facilities and state:

- (a) whether the said information has since been collected;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the total number of villages in Bihar where no telephone facility is available within 5-10 Kms; and
- (d) the policy of the Government to provide telephone facilities in each village of Bihar and quantum of funds released by the Government for the same during 2001-2002?

**Answer**

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

- (a) Yes, Sir. The information has been collected.
- (b) The said information was laid on the Table of the House on 22.11.2001.
- (c) In Bihar 1596 villages have no telephone facility within 5-10 Kms.
- (d) It is planned to provide telecom facility in each revenue village of Bihar by the year 2002. A sum of Rs. 135.01 crore have been allocated to Bihar for providing telephone facilities in rural areas.