

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
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TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS IN VILLAGES IN NORTH EASTERN STATES  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

(a) the total number of villages having telephone facilities in the North Eastern States, as on date vis-À-vis total number of villages provided with telephone connections in the country, State-wise; and

(b) the steps Government have taken or propose to take to provide telephone facilities to remote villages in the region which are isolated and not covered by terrestrial means?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN S

(a) In North-Eastern States including Assam 21230 villages have already been provided with telecom facility as on 31.1.2002. In the country 429515 villages have been provided with telecom facility. State-wise details are given in the enclosed annexure.

(b) The remote and isolated villages in the region which cannot be covered by any terrestrial technology are planned to be provided with telecom facility by satellite terminals subject to availability of funds from the Government.

Annexure

State-wise Villages with VPTs as on 31-01-2002

S.No. Circle/State Total VPTs provided

1. Andaman & Nicobar 197

2. Andhra Pradesh 23419

3. Assam 16283

4. Bihar 21781

5. Jharkhand 12015

6. Gujarat 11214

7 Haryana 6811

8. Himachal Pradesh 14272

9. Jammu & Kashmir 4068

10. Karnataka 27056

11. Kerala 1468

12. Madhya Pradesh 37369

13. Chhatisgarh 11727

14. Maharashtra 31170

15. Goa 371

16. Meghalaya 1444

17. Mizoram 630

18. Tripura 701

19. Arunachal Pradesh 714

20. Manipur 788

21. Nagaland 670

22. Orissa 29196

23. Punjab 12687

24. Rajasthan 23852  
25. Tamil Nadu 17899  
26. Uttar Pradesh (East) 66074  
27 Uttar Pradesh (West) 19388  
28 Uttaranchal 8430  
29 West Bengal 26843  
30 Sikkim 356  
31 Calcutta 431  
32 Delhi 191

Total 429515