

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

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WAITING LIST FOR TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS
GUNIPATI RAMAIAH

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

- (a) whether Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited has prepared a list of the applicants willing to get telephone connections in various States in the country;
- (b) if so, the number of the applicants registered in the waiting list as on the September 30, 2001 in various States; and
- (c) the time by which telephone connections would be provided to them?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The number of applicants registered in the waiting list as on the September 30, 2001 in various States is enclosed in the Annexure.

(c) This waiting list is planned to be cleared by September, 2002 in all the States except in Kerala and in some pockets of other states which are technically non feasible. The waiting list in Kerala is planned to be cleared by March, 2003. This is however, subject to availability of funds and timely availability of materials.

ANNEXURE

The number of the applicants registered in the waiting list as on the September 30, 2001 in various States

Sl. No. Name of States Waiting List As On 30.09.2001

1. Andaman & Nicobar 937
2. Andhra Pradesh 146462
3. Assam 28197
4. Bihar 115425
5. Chattisgarh 10365
6. Gujarat 207036
- 7 Haryana 131676
8. Himachal Pradesh 49663
9. Jammu & Kashmir 46654
10. Jharkhand 27911
11. Karnataka 189863
12. Kerala 855930
13. Madhya Pradesh 18173
14. Maharashtra 314251
15. Goa 15082

Total for Maharashtra Circle 329333

16. Meghalaya 2479
17. Tripura 8249
18. Mizoram 2749

Total for N.E.-I Circle 13577

19. Nagaland 1244
20. Arunachal Pradesh 3511
21. Manipur 6517

Total for N.E.-I Circle 11272

22. Orissa 86248
23. Punjab 215963
24. Rajasthan 163653
25. Tamilnadu 132621
26. Uttranchal 21126
27. Uttarpradesh East 127875
28. Uttarpradesh West 98400
29. West Bengal 240570
30. Sikkim 155

Total for West Bengal Circle 240725

Total BSNL 3269085