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COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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TELEPHONE FACILITY TO PANCHAYATS IN MAHARASHTRA
RAMSHETH THAKUR

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

- (a) the number of Panchayats connected with telephone during the last three years till date in Maharashtra, district-wise;
- (b) whether all Panchayats connected with telephones are having STD facilities;
- (c) if not, whether the Government are aware that villagers are facing difficulties in the absence of STD facilities; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to provide telephones facilities to all village Panchayat with STD facilities?

Answer

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

- (a) The details of district-wise number of Panchayats connected with telephone facility in Maharashtra during the last three years, as reported, is given in ANNEXURE.
- (b) No, Sir.
- (c) to (d): STD facility in village public telephones is provided on request from custodians. Custodians are encouraged to avail STD facility.

ANNEXURE-I

VILLAGE PUBLIC TELEPHONES PROVIDED IN GRAM PANCHAYATS OF MAHARASHTRA DURING THE LAST THREE

DISTRICT VPTs PROVIDED DURING 1998-99 VPTs PROVIDED DURING 2000-01
DURING 1999-00 VPTs PROVIDED

AHMEDNAGAR	28	0	0
AKOLA	75	0	0
WASHIM	50	0	0
AMRAVATI	184	2	0
AURANGABAD	112	23	0
BEED	67	23	0
BHANDARA	90	0	0
GONDIA	50	0	0
BULDHANA	100	37	0
CHANDRAPUR	137	0	0
DHULE	28	0	0
NANDURBAR	10	0	0
GADCHIROLI	109	0	0
JALGAON	73	0	0
JALNA	60	10	0
KALYAN	85	0	0
KOLHAPUR	57	2	0
LATUR	6	0	0
NAGPUR	44	15	0
NANDED	26	16	0
NASIK	70	0	0
OSMANABAD	120	0	0
PARBANI	60	14	0
HINGOLI	40	0	0
PUNE	36	1	0
RAIGAD	160	0	0
RATNAGIRI	60	9	0
SANGLI	33	0	0

SATARA	165	0	0
SINDHUDURG	58	0	0
SOLAPUR	31	0	0
WARDHA	137	0	0
YEOTMAL	101	13	0
TOTAL	2462	165	0