

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

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IMPLEMENTATION OF ONGOING PROJECTS IN ORISSA
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government have reviewed recently the implementation of ongoing projects in Orissa particularly in tribal areas;
- (b) If so, the details thereof during the last three years along with standard monitoring norms, targets set and achieved in completion of projects; and
- (c) the details of fresh initiatives taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government to develop, promote and strengthen communication infrastructure network in the State and the tribal areas during the current financial year and for the Ninth Five Year Plan?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS

(SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) & (b) The targets and achievements in respect of the important development schemes for Orissa for the last three years is given below:

Item	1997-98		1998-99		1999-2000	
	Target	Achiev	Target	Achiev	Target	Achiev
Net Switching Capacity	44000	50354	82300	89216	116000	133240
Direct Exchange Lines	35000	67178	60000	68175	87000	89036
Village Public Telephones	8819	2402	2400	2242	3000	2102

The targets and achievements in respect of Tribal areas of Orissa are given below:

Net Switching Capacity	3750	1008	8100	27326	15520	25692
Direct Exchange Lines	3000	13373	6500	16265	9350	21858
Village Public Telephones	1400	759	1500	763	1332	651

The progress in achievement is monitored on a monthly basis.

(c) In order to develop and strengthen the communication network in the State, including the tribal areas, new telephone exchanges are being opened and the existing exchanges are being expanded. Also, it is planned to provide STD facility to all exchanges on reliable communication media by the end of 9th Five Year Plan period. Targets proposed for implementation during current financial year and the achievements made up to 31-3-2000 during Ninth Five year Plan are indicated below:

Item ORISSA TRIBAL AREA Target Achievement upto
OF ORISSA 2000-2001 31-3-2000 during
Ninth Five Year Plan

Net Switching	125000	272810	17000	54026
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Capacity					
Direct Exchange	100000	224389	12000	51496	
Lines					
Village Public	14000	6746	120	2173	
Telephones					

The target of switching capacity shown is tentative.