

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6536
ANSWERED ON:08.05.2000
WAITING LIST FOR TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

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- (a) the number of persons on the waiting list for telephone connections at present in Bihar particularly in various telephone exchanges under the Betia region, district-wise; (
- (b) the number of telephone connections provided in the State and the said region during the last three years ; district-wise ; (
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to clear the waiting list in the State; (
- (d) whether the telephone exchanges in Darbhanga district of Bihar are functioning properly;
- (e) if not, the reasons therfor; and
- (f) the time by which the said exchanges are likely to be made operational?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS

(SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a)& (b) The total number of persons on the waiting list as on 31.3.2000 and the number of telephone connections provided during last three years in Bihar State ,District wise is given as per Annexure.
Betiah comes under Motihari Telecom District. There are two revenue districts namely East Champaran and West Champaran. The waiting list of East Champaran is 6544 and that of West Champaran is 2940(as on 31.3.2000).

The number of telephone connections provided during last three years in Betiah region is given below:

1997-98 1998-99 1999-2000

East Champaran	1374	2701	3051
West Champaran	1000	2300	2230

(c) The Department has planned the following steps to be taken to clear the waiting list in the state:

- (1) Opening of new telephone exchanges
- (2) Increasing the capacity of existing exchanges
- (3) Laying Underground Cables to provide telephone connections.

(d) Yes,Sir.

(e) Question does not arise in view of reply (d) above.

(f) Question does not arise in view of reply (d) & (e) above.

ANNEXURE

Statement in respect of Parts (a) & (b) of LOK SABHA Unstarred Question No.6536 for 8-5-2000 regarding Waiting List for Telephone Connections.

District wise Waiting List as on 31.3.2000 and the number of telephone connections provided in the Bihar State during the last three years, District Wise is given below.

Sl. Name of SSA Name of District Waiting List as Telephone Connections provided
NO. on 31.3.2000 during
1997-98 1998-99 1999-2000

1.	Arrah	Bhojpur	Buxar	745	2499	3004	3205	
2.	Bhagalpur	Bhagalpur	Banka	2793	3093	3372	3572	
3.	Chapra	Saran	Gopalganj	Siwan	8077	3009	4003	6052
4.	Darbhanga	Darbhanga	Samastipur	18843	7719	6388	11322	
			Madhubani					
5.	Daltonganj	Palamau	Garhwa	1386	1946	1460	2295	
6.	Dhanbad	Dhanbad	Bokaro	10093	6241	10433	8819	
7.	Dumka	Dumka	Deoghar	2602	2419	3006	3009	
			Sahebganj				Godda	
8.	Gaya	Gaya	Aurangabad	1550	3219	6046	6085	
			Jehanabad				Nawadah	
9.	Hazipur	Vaishali	3884	0 (Notel)	0 (Notel)	2050		
10.	Hazaribagh	Hazaribagh	Kodarma	758	1234	4821	4830	
			Giridih				Chatra	
11.	Jamshedpur	East Singhbhum	5562	8033	12249	11900		
		West Singhbhum						
12.	Katihar	Katihar	Kishanganj	4777	3789	7011	6016	
			Purnea				Araria	
13.	Motihari	East Champaran	9484	2374	5001	5281		
		West Champaran						
14.	Khagaria	Khagaria	Begusarai	0	0	0	0	
15.	Monghyr	Monghyr	Sheikhpura	895	1573	3709	5470	
			Lakhisarai				Jamui	
16.	Patna	Patna	Nalanda	14962	7657	15037	23042	
17.	Muzaffarpur	Muzaffarpur	Sitamarhi	7498	4618	5572	5468	
			Sheohar					
18.	Ranchi	Ranchi	Gumla	Lohardaga	6633	3975	7805	10102
19.	Saharsa	Saharsa	Supaul	Madhepura	1588	1585	2777	4115
20.	Sasaram	Rohtas	Bhabhua	4066	1311	1434	2546	

TOTAL 106196 66294 103128 125179

Notel: The figure for Vaishali district for 97-98 and 98-99 were included in Muzaffarpur SSA.