

P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b).
Waiting list and number of connections released since 1st December, 1990 district-wise is given in Annexure.

(c) As per draft 8th plan proposals expansion programmes are being drawn with an objective to:-

- Provide telephone practically on

demand in rural and tribal areas.

- Waiting period for telephone connections not to exceed two years in large telephone systems.

Accordingly, telephone connections to persons in waiting list will be provided progressively during Eighth Plan period.

STATEMENT

Waiting list for Telephone connections in Kerala State as on 30th September, 1991 & Number of connections released since 1st December, 1990.

<i>Name of District of Kerala State</i>	<i>Waiting list</i>	<i>New Telephone connections provided since 1st December, 1990</i>
Trivandrum	22129	5027
Qullon	12124	2640
Pathanamtitta	9298	2150
Alleppey	10997	1312
Kottayam	20345	2696
Idukki	5276	1057
Ernakulam	30396	6274
Trichur	21025	2297
Paighat	7872	1265
Malapuram	14372	1354
Calicut	17142	2697
Wynad	3336	321
Cannanore	16562	1132
Kasaragod	9271	1252

Expansion Modernisation and Provision of STD Facility in Kerala

2943. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:
Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to expand and modernise the telephone exchanges in Kerala with STD facility particularly the Adoor telephone exchange;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. STD facility is already available to Adoor exchange subscribers.

The district-wise details for 1991-92 regarding number of exchanges programmed for expansion/conversion STD to be provided is given in the attached Statement.

STATEMENT

Number of Exchanges programmed for Expansion/conversion, S.T.D. to be provided to Kerala

<i>District.</i>	<i>No. of exchanges programmed for Expansion/conversion</i>	<i>Conversion to Electronic</i>	<i>STD Stns. likely to be added</i>
Trivandrum	17	8	4
Quilon	29	20	4
Pathanamthitta	24	15	2
Alleppey	26	15	2
Kottayam	22	11	113
Idukki	27	19	2
Ernakulam	40	21	2
Trichur	14	8	4
Palghat	35	24	3
Malappuram	21	15	3
Calicut	14	12	1
Wynad	10	3	-
Cannanore	20	12	5
Kasaragod	19	12	3

Backward Classes for inclusion in the Scheduled Cases list

2944. SHRI KODIKKUNNIL SURESH: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any proposal from Kerala Government for inclusion of some backward

communities in the Scheduled Castes List;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. These are under examination.