

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:419
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TELECOM FACILITIES
SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government propose to lay optical fibre cables in place of existing cables to modernise the telephone industry in the country during 2000-2001;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the funds allocated for the purpose during the said period ;
- (d) the details of the work on laying optical fibre cables in Madhya Pradesh during 2000-2001;
- (e) whether there is any proposal to expand the installed capacity of existing telephone exchanges and set up the Electronic telephones exchanges in the State particularly in Rewa, Chhatarpur and Khajuraho during 2000-2001; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof, location-wise ?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS

(SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) to (f) A statement is laid on the table of the House

Statement in respect of parts (a) to (f) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 419 for 24.4.2000 regarding Telecom Facilities.

(a) & (b) There is no proposal to replace existing copper cables by optical fibre cables to modernise the telecom network in the country. However, the optical fibre cables are being laid to interconnect different towns for long distance transmission and also to connect different exchanges in the same city. In some cases optical fibre is also being laid in access network for digital loop carrier systems.

(c) The demands for Grant for Department of Telecom Services for the year 2000-2001 are yet to be approved by the Parliament. However, the proposed allocation under optical Fibre Cable system for the whole country for the year 2000-2001 is Rs. 2000 crores.

(d) M.P. Telecom circle has planned to lay 7530 Kms. of 12 fibre cable, 910 Kms. of 6 fibre cable and 250 Kms. of 24 fibre cable during the year 2000-2001.

(e) & (f) The existing telephone exchanges shall be expanded and new telephone exchanges shall be installed in M.P. Telecom Circle during 2000-2001 wherever the demand arises. The proposal for expansion of existing telephone exchanges and installation of new exchanges at Rewa and Chhatarpur districts during 2000-2001 are given below: At Khajuraho there is no plan for expansion of the existing exchange as already surplus capacity is available for providing new telephone connections.

S.No Name of Place Existing Capacity Proposed Expansion Proposed New Exchanges

1 Rewa Distt. 20,632 lines 3,616 Khaira, Sathni, Naikin,
Patehra, Akouri, Tiwani

2 Chhatarpur 15,564 lines 4,020 Dhamora, Kishangarh,
Distt. Putaria

