

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS  
LOK SABHA**

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EXPANSION OF TELEPHONE EXCHANGES  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the proposal for the expansion of telephone exchanges in Punjab particularly in Ropar district is lying pending with the Union Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise; and
- (c) the time by which the expansion work of the said exchanges is likely to be started and completed?

**Answer**

Minister of State for Communications

( Shri Tapan Sikdar )

(a) to (c) No, Sir. The targets fixed for expansion of telephone exchanges in Punjab Telecom Circle for the year 1999-2000 have been duly achieved. As a matter of fact, 367444 lines were commissioned against planned target of 332500 lines. However, the installation of 7000 lines main telephone exchange at Ropar is in advance stage of installation and likely to be commissioned by May,2000.