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TELEPHONE EXCHANGES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether existing telephone exchanges in Pune, Nasik, Navi Mumbai, Raigad and Khed districts of Maharashtra are functioning according to their capacity;
- (b) if so, the details therefor;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether a large number of applications are pending for allotment of telephone connections under these exchanges; and
- (e) if so, the time by which connections to these awaiting persons would be given?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of equipped capacity, working connections and percentage loading of the telephone exchanges in Pune, Nasik, Navi Mumbai and Raigad districts and Khed Taluka under Pune district are given in the table below:

Name of District	No. of exchanges	Equipped DELs loading	Percent age	Waiting list	
PUNE	295	773582	633480	81.87	19950
NASIK	235	261816	223256	85.27	5978
RAIGAD & Navi Mumbai	181	309681	249783	80.66	4515
KHED under Pune District	19	16016	10349	57.66	1684

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(d) The number of pending applications for allotment of connections have been shown in part (b) above.

(e) The connections are likely to be provided by December 2002. The long distance connections are likely to be provided by March 2003 through WLL equipment.