

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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OUT OF ORDER PHONES IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether most of the telephone exchanges and telephone installed in rural areas/villages are out of order for the last more than six months resulted in loss worth crores of rupees;
- (b) if so, the details of such villages, State-wise;
- (c) the reasons for not implementing the schemes which were formulated prior to installing telephones in these areas to rectify the defects in telephones;
- (d) whether several officers have been found guilty in this regard;
- (e) if so, the details thereof, state-wise; and
- (f) the action taken by the Government against those found guilty?

Answer

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

- (a) to (f): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.