

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4544  
ANSWERED ON:24.04.2000  
TELEPHONE FACILITY IN TAMIL NADU  
A. KRISHNASWAMY;VAIKO

**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of villages in each district, particularly villages in Thiruvallur district of Chennai Division, Tamil Nadu which have been provided telephone facility as on date, district-wise;
- (b) the number of villages which have not been provided the said facility so far in the State and in the said Division, district-wise;
- (c) the time by which the said facility is likely to be provided in the remaining villages of the State and the said Division; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

Minister of State for Communications

(Shri Tapan Sikdar)

(a) ,(b),(c) & (d) Out of total 17,634 villages in Tamil Nadu, telecom facilities have been provided in 17,579 villages. Only 55 villages are left uncovered. All the villages in Thiruvallur district have been provided with telecom facility. District-wise details are given in the enclosed annexure. All the remaining 55 villages are proposed to be covered by March, 2002 progressively.

Annexe

Sl. No. Name of District No. of Villages with VPTs as on 31-3-2000 No. of Villages not having VPTs as on 31-3-2000

|    |                |       |    |
|----|----------------|-------|----|
| 1  | Kanchipuram    | 1100  | 0  |
| 2  | Coimbatore     | 488   | 0  |
| 3  | Cuddalore      | 790   | 0  |
| 4  | Dharmapuri     | 1153  | 17 |
| 5  | Dindigul       | 398   | 1  |
| 6  | Erode          | 528   | 3  |
| 7  | Kanniyakumari  | 183   | 0  |
| 8  | Karur          | 189   | 0  |
| 9  | Madurai        | 631   | 0  |
| 10 | Nagapattinam   | 338   | 0  |
| 11 | Namakkal       | 450   | 1  |
| 12 | Perambalur     | 402   | 0  |
| 13 | Periyakulam    | 173   | 0  |
| 14 | Pudukottai     | 816   | 0  |
| 15 | Ramnad         | 554   | 0  |
| 16 | Salem          | 652   | 0  |
| 17 | Sivaganga      | 635   | 0  |
| 18 | Thanjavur      | 846   | 0  |
| 19 | The Nilgiris   | 54    | 1  |
| 20 | Tirunelveli    | 590   | 0  |
| 21 | Tiruvallur     | 630   | 0  |
| 22 | Tiruvarur      | 714   | 0  |
| 23 | Tiruvannamalai | 1112  | 13 |
| 24 | Trichy         | 546   | 0  |
| 25 | Tuticorin      | 507   | 0  |
| 26 | Vellore        | 903   | 4  |
| 27 | Villupuram     | 1546  | 15 |
| 28 | Virudhunagar   | 651   | 0  |
|    | Total          | 17579 | 55 |

