

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

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TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS IN ORISSA
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a number of applicants waiting for telephone connections in the scheduled districts of Orissa particularly in Keonjhar have not been provided with telephone connections for the last two years ;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken to expedite telephone connections to the applicants in those districts?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI S MAHAJAN)

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. There are 543 waitlisted applicants in Keonjhar district of Orissa due to non-availability of adequate exchange capacity and external plant which will be cleared by upgradation / new exchanges / WLL connections by 31.3.2003 subject to availability of materials.