

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

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

- (a) the total number of telephone exchanges in Bihar and Jharkhand at present and total capacity thereof;
- (b) whether the number of telephone exchanges in these two States is less than other States;
- (c) the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to make these States at par with other States?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): The details of the telephone exchanges and their capacities in Bihar and Jharkhand are given in the Annexure. These states require more telephones to meet the demand. All steps are being taken by the Government to develop telecommunication facilities in these States and to make the telephones available on demand by March, 2003 subject to availability of materials.

Annexure

The total number of telephone exchanges and capacity in Bihar and Jharkhand as on 30.6.2002.

Name of State	No. of Exchanges	Capacity
Bihar	1030	999754
Jharkhand	376	469372