

**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 number of telephone exchanges in N.E. States including Sikkim expanded and modernized during each of the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) whether there is any proposal to modernize more telephone exchanges in these States during 2002-2003; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof State-wise?

**Answer**

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

(a) The number of telephone exchanges in N.E. States including Sikkim expanded and modernised during each of the last three years, State-wise is given at Annexure.

(b) & (c): All the Exchanges in N.E. States including Sikkim have since been modernised to State-of-Art Digital Electronic Exchanges.

**ANNEXURE**

List of Exchanges expanded and modernised in NE States including Sikkim

Name of State      Number of exchanges expanded      Number of exchanges modernised

	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002
Assam	153	171	250	12	20	1
Meghalaya	18	16	20	0	0	0
Tripura	26	15	33	0	0	0
Mizoram	24	14	15	0	0	0
Arunachal Pr.	6	7	7	0	0	0
Manipur	6	7	5	0	0	0
Nagaland	6	6	5	0	0	0
Sikkim	6	9	10	0	0	0