

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7494  
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TELECOM FACILITIES  
HARIBHAI PARTHIBHAI CHAUDHARY

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

- (a) whether any task has been undertaken in Banaskantha region of Gujarat to increase the capacity of telephone exchanges and provide modern communication facilities during 1999-2000;
- (b) if so, the details of the development works undertaken there; and (
- (c) the number of officers found involved in corrupt practice in telecommunications and postal service sector during the said period along with the action taken in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS

( TAPAN SIKDAR )

(a) Steps have been taken to increase the capacity and provide better Telecom Services in Secondary Switching Area (SSA) of Palanpur (Banaskantha District ) of Gujarat Telecom Circle during 1999-2000.

(b) Details are as under:-

New Telephone Exchanges Opened	-16	
Capacity added.		-17574
New Telephone Connections provided.	-11787	
Optical Fibre System Commissioned :-		
8 MB	-17 Nos	
34 MB	-02 Nos	

(c) No officer was found involved in corrupt practice in Palanpur Secondary Switching Area (Banaskantha District) in Gujarat Telecom and Postal circle during the said period.