

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7519

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TELECOM FACILITIES

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

- (a) the States where telephone is made available on demand;
- (b) whether the Government have announced recently that telephones would be made available on demand throughout the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof with the position as on date, State-wise;

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS

(SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) & (b) Government has envisaged to make telephone available on demand throughout the country by the end of 9th five year plan i.e. by March 2002 along with contribution from private sector complimenting the efforts of the Government.

c) State-wise details of waiting list as on 31.3.2000 and target fixed for 2000-2001 are given in Annexure. The target fixed is much higher than the waiting list in most of the Circles. It is proposed to wipe out the waiting list and make telephone available on demand by suitably fixing the target for 2001-2002. Private sector contribution is also expected in some of the States towards meeting part of the demand.

STATEMENT IN RESPE4CT OF PART (c ) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 7519 FOR 15.5.2000 REGAR TELECOM FACILITIES

Annexure

S.No. NAME OF STATE WAITING-LIST AS ON 31-3-2000 TARGET FOR NEW TELEPHONE CONNECTION 2000-01

1	ANDHRA PRADESH	377058	575000
2	ASSAM	5475	55000
3	BIHAR	106196	260000
4	GUJARAT	232624	330000
5	HARYANA	73262	150000
6	HIMACHAL PRADESH	24708	60000
7	JAMMU & KASHMIR	31882	50000
8	KARNATAKA	332189	425000
9	KERALA	647165	450000
10	MADHYA PRADESH	40534	150000
11	MAHARASHTRA	287277	840000
12	NORTH EAST	26023	50000
13	ORISSA	42527	100000
14	PUNJAB	176732	250000
15	RAJASTHAN	95172	210000
16	TAMIL NADU	615096	700000
17	UTTAR PRADESH	325048	490000
18	WEST BENGAL	159876	445000
19	DELHI	81871	200000

TOTAL 3680715 5790000

Note: Gujarat state includes Dadar Diu, Daman & Nagar Haveli (U.T.).  
Kerala state includes Lakshadweep (U.T.).  
Maharashtra state includes Goa and MTNL Mumbai.

North- East telecom circle includes Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalay, Mizoram, Nagaland and Tripura state.  
Punjab state includes Chandigarh (U.T.).  
Tamil Nadu state includes Chennai and Pondicherry(U.T.).  
West Bengal state includes Calcutta and Sikkam, Andeman Nicobar state.