

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TELEPHONE EXCHANGES IN NORTH-EASTERN STATES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have received proposal for opening of new telephone exchanges in the North-Eastern States including Sikkim during 2000-2001 ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise ;
- (c) the time by which these are likely to be set up ;
- (d) whether the Government propose to install Electronic Telephone Exchanges in Manhaldoi, Sipajhar, Tanglam Khampetia and Udalguri regions of Assam;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) the funds earmarked for the purpose; and (g) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

Minister of State for Communications

(Tapan Sikdar)

(a) Yes, sir.

(b) State-wise details are given below:

Sl.No.	Name of the State Planned to be opened during 2000-2001	No of Telephone Exchanges
1.	Assam	50
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	7
3.	Manipur	6
4.	Meghalaya	9
5.	Mizoram	6
6.	Nagaland	6
7	Tirpura	7
8.	Sikkim	6

(c) These exchanges are likely to be set up by March, 2001.

(d) Yes sir.

(e) New exchanges are planned to be opened at Bhatapara, Dumnichowki, Chamuapara, Pathorighat, Hatigarh and Dimakushi.

(f) Funds of Rs.1.8 crores have been earmarked for the purpose.

(g) Steps taken/proposed to be taken are as follows:

1. The equipment is under procurement.
2. Buildings are being arranged,
3. Transmission media has been planned and is under procurement.