

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

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TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have issued any order to provide telephone connections at the time of booking itself;
- (b) if so, whether this facility is provided in Gujarat also; and
- (c) if so, the number of applications received so far in Gujarat alongwith the number out of them cleared till date?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS

(SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a & b) Sir, all out efforts are made to provide a telephone connection within 7 days from the date of registration in the exchanges wherever telephone is available on demand; subject to technical feasibility of the area.

Department of Telecom Services proposes to provide telephones on demand in all exchanges of Gujarat by the year 2002.

(c) A total of 4,01,024 applications were received during the year 1999-2000 in Gujarat Telecom Circle; 3,74,022 new telephone connections have been provided during 1999-2000