

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2643
ANSWERED ON:13.03.2000
TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS IN GUJARAT
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of persons on the waiting list for telephone connections at present in Gujarat particularly in Baroda district Bhavnagar and Ahmedabad ,districts, district-wise;
- (b) the number of telephone connections provided in the State during the last three years and till date, district-wise;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to clear the waiting lists;
- (d) whether telephone exchanges in Gujarat particularly in Baroda district are functioning properly;
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (f) the steps taken by the Government to make them function properly ; and (g) the amount spent for setting up telephone exchanges in the State during the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS

(SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) to (g): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) to (g) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2643 FOR 13TH MARCH, REGARDING TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS IN GUJARAT

(a) The information is given below

Sl.No. Area Waiting list as on 29-02 -2000

1. Gujarat State 259471
2. Vadodara district 18989
3. Bhavnagar district 14620
4. Ahmedabad district 41353

(b) The information is given in Annexure.

(c) It was envisaged in 9th Plan objectives as well as New Telecom Policy 1999 to make available telephone on demand by end of 9th plan with private sector supplementing the effort of Government. As there has been delay in provision of telephones by private sector due to various reasons, the target of provision of new telephone connections by the Govt. is being increased every year in order to meet the demand of telephones in the country as well as we may be in a position to meet the objectives of making available telephone on demand through out the country by end of 9th Plan.

(d) to(f) All the exchanges in Gujarat Telecom. Circle including Baroda district are electronic and working satisfactorily. However, in the exchanges having openwire media, problem about STD connectivity are observed. There is a proposal to provide reliable transmission media in a phased manner to all exchanges working on overhead media.

(g) The amount spent for setting up telephone exchanges in Gujarat Telecom Circle is given below:-

Year Amount spent for Telephone Exchanges
(In crores of Rs)

1996-97	Rs. 416.88
1997-98	Rs. 515.32
1998-99	Rs. 512.37

ANNEXURE

NUMBER OF TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS PROVIDED DURING LAST THREE YEARS AND UPTO 29-2-2000.

SlNo. Name of the Telecom Revenue Districts covered. New telephone connections 1997-98 1998-99 1999-2000
Didistrict. up to 29.2.2000 providing
during 1996-97

1	Ahemdabad	Ahemdabad	Gandhinagar	32216	39200	36627	62326
2	Amreli	Amreli		2791	5167	7289	8108
3	Bharuch	Bharuch	and Narmada	9320	9439	10006	9062
4	Bhavnagar	Bhavnagar		3674	14512	11059	7252
5	Bhuj	Kutchh		7679	11755	12630	3275
6	Godhara	Panch mahal	Dahod	4725	4650	4502	4077
7	Jamnagar	Jamnagar		4507	3664	9807	7775
8	Junagadh	Junagadh	Porbandar	8444	9557	15632	18331
9	Mehsana	Mehsana	Patan	10534	12270	15852	14962
10	Nadiad	Kheda	Anand	8215	11095	14011	11247
11	Palanpur	Banaskantha		3863	6640	9160	8361
12	Rajkot	Rajkot		15006	18337	26868	20509
13	Surat	Surat		21467	23111	26463	26598
14	Surendranagar	SurendraNagar		4116	4728	5809	5154
15	Himatnagar	Savarkantha		3406	4966	6301	11177
16	Vadodara	Vadodara		15087	16874	24853	20616
17	Valsad	Valsad	Navsari Dang	6837	11869	15664	13185