

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:503  
ANSWERED ON:28.02.2000  
TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the existing norms for issuing and installing the telephone connections in Metropolitan cities and the rural areas of the country;
- (b) the number of persons on the waiting list for the telephone connections in Orissa and Kerala particularly in Alapugha and Pathanamthitta districts and in the Talukas of Hassan district, separately, district-wise, Taluka-wise;
- (c) the number of telephone connections allotted in these states and the said districts during the last three years, district-wise;
- (d) the number of telephone connections proposed to be provided during the current financial year location-wise; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to clear the waiting list for the telephone connections of the said States and the districts?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

- (a) Sir, as per existing norms, telephone connections are to be installed within 15 days after issue of OB, both in metropolitan cities as well as in rural areas subject to technical feasibility.
- (b) Details of the persons on waiting list for telephone connections in Orissa & Kerala Circles; particularly in Alapuzha and Pathanamthitta Districts [Kerala State] and Talukas of Hassan District are given in Annexure I.
- (c) Details of telephone connections provided during the last three years are given in the Annexure II.
- (d) The number of Telephone connections proposed to be provided during the financial year 1999-2000 are given below:
  - 1. Orissa Circle > 87,000
  - 2. Kerala Circle > Approx. 3.5 lakh connections
  - 3. Karnataka Circle > 3,00,000  
(including Hassan Distt.)
- (e) Efforts are afoot to clear the waiting list for telephone connections by installation of new Exchanges, augmentation of Exchange Capacity, laying more under-ground cables and introduction of WILL system extensively.

**ANNEXURE I**

**NUMBER OF TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS ON WAITLIST IN DISTRICTS OF ORISSA & KERALA AND TALUKAS OF HASSAN DISTRICTS**

**ORISSA CIRCLE**

S.No. Name of the District Waiting List S.No. Name of the District Waiting List

- |             |      |                |       |
|-------------|------|----------------|-------|
| 1. ANGUL    | 86   | 16. KENDRAPARA | 701   |
| 2. BALASORE | 2999 | 17. KEONJHAR   | 596   |
| 3. BARGARH  | 1012 | 18. KHURDA     | 11435 |
| 4. BHADRAK  | 3614 | 19. KORAPUT    | 3020  |

5. BOLANGIR 554 20. MALKANGIRI 163  
6. BOUDH 17 21. MAYURBHANJA 824

7 CUTTACK 5369 22. NAYAGARH 137

8. DEOGARH 80 23. NUAPADA 146

9. DHENKANAL 3998 24. NAWRANGPUR 535  
10. GAJAPATI 58 25. PHULBANI 195  
11. GANJAM 1562 26. PURI 2367  
12. JAGATSINGHPUR 96 27. RAYAGADA 487  
13. JAJPUR 1067 28. SAMBALPUR 3567  
14. JHARSUGUDA 640 29. SONEPUR 113  
15. KALAHANDI 1543 30. SUNDERGARH 7908

TOTAL WAITING LIST AS ON 31.01.2000 > 54,889

570 KERALA CIRCLE

S.No. Name of the District Waiting List S. No. Name of the District Waiting List

1. TRIVANDRUM 53137 9. PALGHAT 44220  
2. QUILON 60900 10. MALAPPURAM 81089

3. PATHANAMTHITTA 36260 11. CALICUT 68525

4. ALAPUZHA 49965 12. WYNAD 20025

5. KOTTAYAM 41435 13. CANNANORE 62883  
6. ERNAKULAM 44769 14. KASARGOD 32630

7 IDUKKI 27799 15. U/T of LAKSHADWEEP 133

8. TRICHUR 61286 16. U/T of MAHE{PONDICHERRY} 1621

TOTAL WAITING LIST AS ON 31.01.2000 > 686677

HASSAN DISTRICT

S. No. Name of the Taluk Waiting List S. No. Name of the Taluk Waiting List

1. ALUR 488 5. CHANNARYAPATNA 2077  
2. ARKALGUD 1139 6. HASSAN 3735

3. ARSIKERE 1209 7. HOLENARSIPURA 1151

4. BELUR 1331 8. SAKLESH PURA 1309

TOTAL WAITING LIST AS ON 31.01.2000 > 12439

ANNEXURE II

DETAILS OF TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS PROVIDED DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS

571 ORISSA CIRCLE

S. No. Name of the District 1996-97 1997-98 1998-99

1.	ANGUL	934	1468	1696
2.	BALASORE	1500	2282	3787
3.	BARGARH	745	968	921
4.	BHADRAK	903	1592	1740
5.	BOLANGIR	842	1207	904
6.	BOUDH	612	768	524
7.	CUTTACK	2191	7664	7951
8.	DEOGARH	161	731	697
9.	DHENKANAL	1005	2895	3779
10.	GAJAPATI	508	807	622
11.	GANJAM	1912	6692	3915
12.	JAGATSINGHPUR	808	1365	1269
13.	JAJPUR	714	1202	1186
14.	JHARSUGUDA	836	1057	950
15.	KALAHANDI	656	860	784
16.	KENDRAPARA	903	1091	904
17.	KEONJHAR	832	1126	1269
18.	KHURDA	5520	12506	13695
19.	KORAPUT	804	1543	2107
20.	MALKANGIRI	197	368	686
21.	MAYURBHANJA	1008	1855	1738
22.	NAYAGARH	914	963	1009
23.	NUAPADA	244	340	126
24.	NAWRANGPUR	206	514	857
25.	PHULBANI	865	992	866
26.	PURI	1232	2433	2437
27.	RAYAGADA	387	872	1053
28.	SAMBALPUR	1405	4072	4197
29.	SONEPUR	698	780	606
30.	SUNDERGARH	2963	6165	5900
	TOTAL	32505	67178	68175

572 KERALA CIRCLE

S. No. Name of the District 1996-97 1997-98 1998-99

1.	TRIVANDRUM	19521	30135	36163
2.	QUILON	13806	14617	19287
3.	PATHANAMTHITTA	11000	15511	21174
4.	ALAPUZHA	13618	15662	20018
5.	KOTTAYAM	13084	17012	23513
6.	ERNAKULAM	28698	32010	37392

7 IDUKKI 3873 4860 6226

8. TRICHUR 21373 30675 31128

9. PALGHAT 7801 11001 13217

10. MALAPPURAM 9257 15384 12253

11. CALICUT 14792 14314 18324

12. WYNAD 2030 3189 3601

13. CANNANORE 10388 16691 15548

14. KASARGOD 3550 7296 9366

15. U/T of Lakshadweep 627 1320 1524

16. U/T of Mahe [Pondicherry] 77 333 2331

Total for Kerala Circle 172775 230010 271065

573 HASSAN DISTRICT

S. No. Name of the District 1996-97 1997-98 1998-99

1. HASSAN 5568 7606 8532