

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:583

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EXPANSION OF VSAT'S AND ESMO'S SERVICES

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Very Small Aperture Terminal (VSATs) and Extended Satellite Money Order Stations (ESMOs) set up in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government propose to increase the number of Very Small Aperture Terminals and Extended Satellite Money Order Stations in the country during 2000-2001 and the Ninth Five Year Plan;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, year-wise;
- (d) the time by which the said facility are likely to be provided in all the district headquarters of the country;
- (e) the details of the tariff rate of said services;
- (f) whether the Government propose to reduce the existing tariff rate for the said services;
- g) if so, the details thereof; and
- h) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

a) The Department of Posts has set up 75 Very Small Aperture Terminals (VSATs) and 610 Extended Satellite Money Orders Stations (ESMOs). The state-wise break-up has been indicated in the enclosed Annexure.

b) Yes.

c) 44 Very Small Aperture Terminals (VSATs) and 458 Extended Satellite Money Orders Stations (ESMOs) are proposed to be set up during 2000-2001 and a total of 150 VSATs and 1500 ESMOs during the Ninth Plan period. The year-wise details are as given hereunder:

Year	VSAT	ESMOs
1997-1998	Nil	316
1998-1999	Nil	Nil
1999-2000	62	266
2000-2001	44	458
2001-2002	44	458

d) The network would enable connectivity to all the important district headquarters by the end of Ninth Plan period and may spill over to the Tenth Plan.

e) The tariff rate for transmission of money orders through VSAT/ESMO is the same as those transmitted through surface mode.

f) At present there is no such proposal.

g) Does not arise in view of answer to (f), above.

h) Since the entire network has not yet been established no decision in this respect can be taken.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PART(a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.583 FOR 28TH FEBRUARY 2000
REGARDING EXPANSION OF VSAT'S AND ESMO's SERVICES

Sl	Name of Circle	Number of existing VSATs	Number of existing ESMOs
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1	Andhra Pradesh	5	33
2	Assam	4	30
3	Bihar	6	50
4	Delhi	2	30
5	Gujarat	4	50
6	Haryana	2	10
7	Himachal Pradesh	3	25
8	Jammu & Kashmir	1	5
9	Karnataka	5	32
10	Kerala	4	25
11	Madhya Pradesh	5	29
12	Maharashtra	6	58
13	North East	4	10
14	Orissa	3	24
15	Punjab	2	30
16	Rajasthan	4	30
17	Tamil Nadu	4	50
18	Uttar Pradesh	7	59
19	West Bengal	4	30

Total	75	601
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