

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1414
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TELEDENSITY IN RURAL AND URBAN AREAS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) The teledensity achieved in the country both in rural and urban areas during the last five years, State-wise;
- (b) Whether the Government proposed to increase the teledensity in rural areas from 0.4 in 1999 to 4 by 2010; and
- (c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SI MAHAJAN)

(a) State-wise tele-density of Urban and Rural for the last Five Years is placed at Annexure.

(b) & (c): Yes Sir. 'New Telecom Policy 99' envisages to increase rural tele-density in rural areas from 0.4 in 1999 to 4 by 2010 and it is likely to achieve with the participation of Private Operators and availability of appropriate resources.

STATE-WISE TELEDENSITY OF URBAN AND RURAL AREAS FOR THE LAST 5 YEARS

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Urban Rural Total Urban Rural Total Urban Rural Total Urban Rural Total

1	A & Nicobar	4.93	1.22	2.44	8.11	2.85	4.57	11.65	4.71	6.98	13.10	6.18	8.44	13.57	6.97	9.13	2	Andhra Pr.	4.86	0.48	1.67	6.66	0.60					
2	2.24	9.05	0.98	3.17	11.16	1.47	4.10	13.24	1.83	4.92	3	Assam	4.11	0.14	0.65	5.31	0.18	0.84	6.99	0.20	1.06	8.70	0.25	1.33	10.46			
0.39	1.68	4	Bihar	4.09	0.10	0.51	5.11	0.13	0.65	6.12	0.17	0.80	8.63	0.27	1.15	7.25	0.38	1.10	5	Chhattisgarh	###	###	###	###				
5.14	0.28	1.26	6	Delhi	11.92	0	11.92	17.09	0	17.09	18.55	0	18.55	18.55	0	18.55	15.25	0.00	15.25	7	Gujarat	5.98	0.82	2.74	7.32			
0.91	3.30	9.22	1.09	4.12	11.44	1.48	5.19	13.67	2.09	6.41	8	Haryana	6.25	0.55	2.20	7.49	0.69	2.66	8.76	0.95	3.21	10.59	1.40	4.07				
12.63	2.00	5.08	9	Himachal Pr	15.31	1.86	3.18	17.72	2.38	3.88	21.93	3.00	4.85	26.06	3.76	5.94	29.99	5.05	7.49	10	J & K	3.17	0.19					
0.93	4.18	0.09	1.11	4.96	0.10	1.31	6.54	0.13	1.72	8.05	0.23	2.18	11	Jharkhand	#####	#####	#####	#####	#####	5.25	0.30	1.40	12	Karnataka				
5.84	0.82	2.53	6.93	1.01	3.02	8.61	1.28	3.77	10.33	1.79	4.69	12.29	2.13	5.58	13	Kerala	7.47	2.29	3.64	8.99	2.97	4.53	11.08	3.90				
5.77	15.14	5.05	7.67	17.58	6.59	9.45	14	Madhya Pr.	4.11	0.43	1.41	4.95	0.48	1.67	20.26	0.52	5.78	7.77	0.48	2.43	9.68	0.50	2.95					
15	Maharashtra	8.35	0.66	3.93	9.42	0.75	4.44	5.50	0.96	2.89	13.03	1.33	6.30	15.00	1.87	7.45	16	North East	6.98	0.44	1.91	8.88						
0.60	2.46	11.04	0.82	3.12	13.57	1.04	3.86	15.08	1.47	4.53	17	Orissa	3.92	0.22	0.77	4.94	0.27	0.97	5.95	0.36	1.20	7.24	0.49	1.50				
8.51	0.72	1.88	18	Punjab	9.12	0.78	3.78	10.73	1.27	4.67	12.15	1.91	5.59	14.15	2.70	6.82	18.24	4.10	9.18	19	Rajasthan	4.66	0.44					
1.43	5.82	0.47	1.72	6.71	0.60	2.03	7.96	0.81	2.48	9.26	1.15	3.05	20	Tamilnadu	5.83	0.51	3.77	7.53	0.51	4.70	9.88	0.51	5.90	12.82				
0.49	7.64	11.65	0.46	5.40	21	Uttaranchal	#####	#####	#####	#####	#####	#####	#####	#####	#####	#####	#####	#####	#####	#####	#####	#####	#####	#####				
0.29	2.02	13.24	0.48	2.52	14.09	0.55	2.72	23	West Bengal	4.29	0.21	1.16	5.28	0.28	1.44	6.61	0.34	1.80	8.23	0.51	2.29	9.58	0.75					
2.76																												
TOTAL	5.47	0.43	1.82	7.29	0.51	2.37	8.44	0.66	2.90	10.37	0.90	3.64	12.03	1.21	4.22													

Note:-

1. # These states were formed in the year 2002
2. North-East includes the states of Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland and Tripura
3. Maharashtra includes the state of Goa
4. West Bengal includes the state of Sikkim
5. Gujarat includes the Union Territories of (I) Dadra & Nagar Haveli & (II) Daman & Diu 6Kerala includes the Union Territory of Lakshdweep Islands
- 7 Punjab includes the Union Territory of Chandigarh.
8. Tamilnadu includes the Union Territory of Pondicherry