

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS IN WEST BENGAL
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the latest position of providing connection from `out of turn` Quota of Durgapur and Bankura district in West Bengal for the year 2002-2003;
- (b) whether the serials are not maintained in case of priority bases for connecting telephone lines to the consumers of Barjora in Bankura district and Durgapur;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether Saharjora, Krishnanagar and other villages of Barjora P.S. Bnkura district of West Bengal have been provided telephone connections;
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) by when all applicants would be provided telephones in the said districts of West Bengal?

Answer

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

- (a) Sir, all the telephone connections sanctioned under out of turn quota for provision in Durgapur Telecom Division have been provided. Five applications are pending in Bankura Telecom District.
- (b) & (c): Sir, the connections are provided as per serial number in the waiting list skipping over the cases which are technically non-feasible.
- (d) to (f): Barjora PS has 315 villages. The registered demand for telephones exist for 50 villages. Out of these 50 villages 35 villages including Saharjora and Krishnanagar have been provided with telephone connections. The remaining 15 villages are planned to be provided telephone connections by 31.3.04.