

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3149  
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TELECOM FACILITY TO GRAM PANCHAYATS  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government have provided telephone facility to all the Gram Panchayats in the county;
- (b) if so, the number of Gram Panchayats in Maharashtra and UP where telephone facility has not been provided so far, district-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to provide better telephone service to the Gram Panchayats?

**Answer**

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

(a) No, Sir.

(b) All the 66469 Gram Panchayats in Uttar Pradesh have already been provided with telecom facility. In Maharashtra out of total 24937 Gram Panchayats, 22917 have already been provided with telecom facility. The remaining 2020 Gram Panchayats are yet to be provided. The district-wise details are given in the annexure.

(c)  
(i) Wireless in Local Loop (WLL), the latest technology is being used to provide telephones.

(ii) Telephones working on overhead are being replaced by underground cables.

(iii) Faulty MARR based telephones are being replaced by either WLL or land line.

**ANNEXURE**

**STATUS OF VILLAGES WITH GRAM PANCHAYATS IN MAHARASHTRA & GOA**

Sl. No.	Name of District	Total villages	GPs provided	Total GPs	Balance Gp
1.	AHMEDNAGAR	1180	1141		19
2.	AKOLA	488	470		10
3.	WASHIM AMRAVATI	804	731	450	6
4.	AURANGABAD	693	683		0
5.	BEED		924	893	31
6.	BHANDARA GONDIA	500	450	542	4
7.	BALDHANA	828	783		45
8.	CHANDRAPUR	804	758		48
9.	DHULE	480	447		33

NANDURBAR		482	448	34
10.	GADCHIROLI	458	363	95
11.	JALGAON	1082	1062	0
12.	JALNA	557	557	0
13.	KALYAN (THANE)	882	787	95
14.	KOLHAPUR	913	913	0
15.	LATUR	637	582	75
16.	NAGPUR	710	687	23
17.	NANDED	1183	1100	63
18.	NASIK	1224	1224	0
19.	OSMANABAD	544	468	76
20.	PARBHANI	573	492	81
HINGOLI		500	490	10
21.	PUNE	1177	1032	145
22.	RAIGAD	880	585	75
23.	RATNAGIRI	768	453	315
24.	SANGLI	631	610	21
25.	SATARA	1213	894	319
26.	SINDHUDURG	388	220	188
27.	SOLAPUR	931	931	0
28.	WARDHA	481	458	25
29.	YEOTMAL	1123	1042	81

TOTAL:           24762           22732           2020

30. GOA                           185           185           0

GRAND TOTAL:       24937           22917           2020