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TELEPHONE FACILITY TO PANCHAYATS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the district-wise number of village Panchayats in Jharkhand and Bihar where telephone facility has not been provided so far; and
(b) the steps taken by the Government to provide better telephone facility to each village Panchayat of Jharkhand State?

Answer

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

(a) In Bihar all village Panchayats have already been provided with telephone facilities and in Jharkhand 204 village Panchayats are yet to be provided with telephone facility. District wise details of 204 village Panchayats in Jharkhand is given in the Annexure.

(b) Following steps are being taken to provide better telephone facility in the village Panchayats of Jharkhand:-

- (i) Faulty MARR based Village Public Telephone are being replaced by Wireless in Local Loop (WLL)/ land lines progressively;
(ii) Reliable transmission media to exchanges is being provided through Optical Fibre Cables;
(iii) Efforts are being made by liaisoning with State Government Authorities for providing stable power supply.

ANNEXURE

District-wise Panchayats without Telecom facilities in Jharkhand

Circle	District	Number of Gram Panchayats without Telecom facility
Jharkhand	Ranchi	20
	Gumla	25
	Lohardagga	23
	Simdega	23
	Hazaribag	6
	Kodarma	8
	Chatra	25
	Daltonganj	5
	Garwa	7
	Latehar	3
	Dumka	16
	Deoghar	9
	Godda	10
	Pakur	2
	Jamtara	10
	Sahebganj	12
Total		204