

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1551

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TELEPHONE EXCHANGES IN TAMILNADU AND PUNJAB

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of telephone exchanges functioning in Tamilnadu and Punjab as on January 31, 2000 separately; district-wise.
- (b) whether there is any proposal for opening of new telephone exchanges in the said states during 2000-2001.
- (c) if so, the details thereof, district-wise; and
- (d) the funds allocated for the purpose during the said period ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) The details of district-wise telephone exchanges functioning in Tamilnadu & Punjab are at Annexure-I.

(b) & (c) Yes, Sir. The details in respect of Tamilnadu State are at Annexure-II.

In respect of Punjab State, there is a proposal for opening of 75 new telephone exchanges. The proposed exchanges will be provided at the focal point in each district where the demand is more than 10 and there are no nearby exchange to serve the area.

(e) Demand for Grants for the year 2000-2001 in respect of Department of Telecom Services has not been approved by the Parliament yet. The allocation of funds State-wise will be done only after the approval of the Demand for Grants of the DoTS by the Parliament. However, the total proposed capital outlay for the year 2000-2001 in respect of local telephone system is Rs. 12180 crores. STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PARAS (a), (b) AND (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1551 FO MARCH, 2000 REGARDING TELEPHONE EXCHANGES IN TAMIL NADU AND PUNJAB.

ANNEXURE-I

NO. OF TELEPHONE EXCHANGES IN TAMILNADU AND PUNJAB (DISTRICT-WISE) AS ON 31.1.2000

A. TAMIL NADU :

Sl.No. Name of District No. of exchanges

1.	COIMBATORE	114
2.	CUDDALORE	53
3.	DHARMAPURI	82
4.	DINDIGUL	51
5.	ERODE	94
6.	KANCHEEPURAM	44
7.	KANYAKUMARI	31

8. KARUR	39
9. MADURAI	51
10. NAGAPATTINAM	45
11. NAMAKKAL	68
12. THE NILGIRIS	34
13. PERAMBALUR	31
14. PUDUKOTTAI	41
15. RAMANATHAPURAM	45
16. SALEM	102
17. SIVAGANGA	40
18. THANJAVUR	58
19. THENI	22
20. THIRUVARUR	32
21. TIRUNELVELI	76
22. THIRUVANNAMALAI	47
23. THIRUVELLORE	45
24. TRICHY	62
25. TUTICORIN	60
26. VELLORE	76
27. VILLUPURAM	50
28. VIRUDHUNAGAR	43
29. CHENNAI	113

B. PUNJAB :

Sl.No. Name of District No. of exchanges

1. AMRITSAR	105
2. BATHINDA	81
3. MANSA	32
4. FEROZEPUR	109
5. FARIDKOT	33
6. MOGA	37
7. MUKATSAR	56
8. HOSHIARPUR	88
9. JALLANDHAR	77
10. KAPURTHALA	25
11. NAWANSHER	17
12. LUDHIANA	111
13. PATIALA	79
14. FATEHGARH SAHIB	21
15. GURDASPUR	88
16. ROPAR	36
17. SANGRUR	125

ANNEXURE-II

DISTRICT-WISE DETAILS OF NEW EXCHANGE PROPOSALS
IN TAMIL NADU STATE DURING THE YEAR 2000-2001

Sl.No. Name of the District No. of Exchanges proposed

1. Cuddalore	2
2. Viluuram	4
3. Dharmapuri	2
4. Madurai	2
5. Dindigul	1
6. Erode	2
7 Nagapattinam	3
8. Thanjavur	2
9. Tiruvarur	1
10. Pudukkottai	3
11. Ramanathapuram	2
12. Sivaganga	3
13. Tuticorin	2
14. Tiruvannamalai	2
15. Vellore	1
16. Virudhunagar	3
17. Chennai	39