

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1687  
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TELEPHONE EXCHANGES IN BIHAR  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number and capacity of telephone exchanges functioning in Bihar during the last three years till date, exchange-wise;
- (b) whether the Government propose to increase the present capacity of the existing telephone exchanges and open some new telephone exchanges in the State during 2000-2001;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, location-wise and exchange-wise;
- (d) the number of persons on the waiting list for telephone connections in the State at present, exchange-wise; and
- (e) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to clear the waiting list in the State ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS ( SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR )

- (a) & (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.
- (b) & (c) Yes Sir. The details in respect of increase in the capacity of the existing telephone exchanges are given in Annexure-I. There is also proposal to open 75 new telephone exchanges during the year 2000-2001. The location is yet to be finalized.
- (e) The following steps are being taken to clear the waiting list :-
  - (1) Increase in the capacity of existing exchanges. (2) Opening of new telephone exchanges. (3) Laying of underground cables. (4) Induction of digital pair gain systems in non-feasible areas.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PARTS (b) and (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1687 FOR 6 MARCH, 2000 REGARDING TELEPHONE EXCHANGES IN BIHAR.  
ANNEXURE-I

(A) EXPANSION OF SWITCHING CAPACITY FOR LARGE EXCHANGES DURING 2000-2001.

Sl.No.	Name of Exchange	Increased in capacity by (lines)	Sl.No.	Name of Exchange	Increased in capacity by (lines)
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1. Arrah	1500	35. Sahibganj	2000
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2. Buxer	1000	36. Godda	1000
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3. Bhagalpur	2000	37. Gaya	8000
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4. Sabour	1000	38. Manpur	3000
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5. Sultanganj	1000	39. New Godown	2000
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6. Kahalgaon	3000	40. Anmach	2000
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7 Banka	3000	41. Nawada	3500
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8. Siwan 4000 42. Hasua 1000

9. Barharua 1000 43. Warsaliganj 1000  
10. Hasanpura 1000 44. Jehanabad 2500  
11. Gopalganj 500 45. Hazaribagh 2000  
12. Sasamusa 1000 46. Charhi 1000  
13. Thawe 1000 47. Giddi 1000  
14. Daltonganj 2000 48. Jhumari Talayya 1000  
15. Garhwa 2000 49. Giridih 500  
16. Darbhanga 12000 50. Jamshedpur 13000  
17. Madhubani 1000 51. Chaibasa 2000  
18. Sakari 1000 52. Chakardharpur 1500  
19. Rajnagar 1000 53. Katihar 2500  
20. Samastipur 2000 54. Manihari 1000  
21. Begusarai 1000 55. Mirchai 1000  
22. Lakhminia 2000 56. Purnea 3000  
23. Dhanbad 5000 57. Gulababagh 3000  
24. Jharia 4000 58. Kishanganj 1000  
25. Sindri 1000 59. Araria 1000  
26. Katras 2500 60. Forbesganj 1000  
27. Loyabad 2000 61. Motihari 500  
28. Bokaro Steel Cty 6000 62. Sugaui 1000  
29. Chass 3000 63. Turkaulia 1000  
30. Balidih 2000 64. Betia 1500  
31. Bermo 2000 65. Chanpatia 1000  
32. Dumka 1500 66. Raxaul 500  
33. Deoghar 3000 67. Adapur 1000  
34. Jasidih 1000 68. Ramgarhwa 1000

69. Lakhisarai 2000 84. Bihta 2000  
70. Barahiya 1000 85. Barh 3000  
71. Surajgarha 1000 86. Bakhtiarapur 1000  
72. Jamui 3000 87. Biharsarif 4000  
73. Muzaffarpur 11500 88. Ranchi 7000  
74. Ratwara 3000 89. Kanke 2000  
75. MIT 3000 90. Gumla 500  
76. Dholi 1000 91. Khunti 2000  
77. Sitamarhi 3000 92. Sahrsa 2000  
78. Biraganua 1500 93. Madhepura 1000  
79. Hazipur 2000 94. Murliganj 1000  
80. Mahua 2000 95. Singheshwarasthan 1000  
81. Patna 19000 96. Sasaram 3000  
82. Danapur 6000 97. Tilouthu 1000  
83. Maner 1000 98. Dalmianagar 1000

(B) SMALL CAPACITY EXCHANGES

Sl.No. Name of Increased in Sl.No. Name of Increased in  
Exchange capacity by (lines) Exchange capacity by (lines)

1. Jagdishpur 512 Lines 33. Rafiganj -do-  
2. Akbarnagar -do- 34. Wazirganj -do-  
3. Bheldi -do- 35. Dhamdaha -do-  
4. Basantpur -do- 36. Barsoi -do-  
5. Baniapur -do- 37. Bahadurganj -do-  
6. Viraul -do- 38. Thakurganj -do-  
7 Rajmahal -do- 39. Bakhtiarapur -do-  
8. Benipur -do- 40. Hathidah -do-

9. Maheshpur -do- 41. Ekanagarsarai -do-  
10. Bakribarwan -do- 42. Simdega -do-  
11. Salmari -do- 43. Utakishanganj -do-  
12. Gurubazar -do- 44. Kanti -do-  
13. Narayanpur -do- 45. Vidupur -do-  
14. Seotar -do- 46. Mosabani -do-  
15. Ghorashahan -do- 47. Behragora -do-  
16. Maner -do- 48. Hathua Expansion from 1000  
to 1400 Lines  
17. Paliganj -do- 49. Mairwa -do-  
18. Bundu -do- 50. Maharajganj -do-  
19. Muri -do- 51. Jainagar -do-  
20. Bangaon -do- 52. Muskipur -do-  
21. Bihea 1000 Lines 53. Jamtara -do-  
22. Isuapur -do- 54. Jamui -do-  
23. Behat -do- 55. Janakpur Road -do-  
24. Pakur -do- 56. Fatua -do-  
25. Jhajha -do- 57. Mokama -do-  
26. Bhadaiya -do- 58. Kanke -do-  
27. Bargainia -do- 59. Khunti -do-  
28. Naubatpur -do- 60. Birpur -do-  
29. Barahat Expansion from C-DOT 61. Simri Bakhtiarapur -do-  
512 to 1000 lines.  
30. Katoria -do-  
31. Birpainti -do-  
32. Belaganj -do-