

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

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TELEPHONES IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether telephones installed in rural areas in the country mostly remain out of order and it takes months to repair them;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise particularly of Gujarat; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to run the telephones smoothly in rural areas?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. S PASWAN)

- (a) to (c): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.