

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

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TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a large number of applicants are waiting for telephone connections in Delhi and other parts of National Capital Region;
- (b) if so, the position as on October 31, 2002;
- (c) the steps taken to clear the waiting list; and
- (d) the details thereof ?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): No Sir. The number of applicants in the waiting list for telephone connection in MTNL Delhi and in National capital Region as on 31.10.2002 is given below :

MTNL Delhi 4,108
National Capital Region 15,377

(c)&(d): The following steps have been taken to clear the existing waiting list :

- (i) Expansion of capacities of telephone exchanges.
- (ii) Laying of telephone cable.
- (iii) Deployment of WLL (Wireless in Local Loop) for non-feasible areas.
- (iv) Deployment of DLC (Digital Loop Carrier) in Delhi