

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the targets set for providing telephone connections in backward areas of North Bengal in West Bengal during the last three years, till date;
- (b) the achievement made vis-à-vis these targets during the said period; and
- (c) the targets fixed for the period 2000-2001?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a),(b) & (c). The targets set and achievements made for providing telephone connections in the backward areas of North Bengal in West Bengal, during the last three years and the current year are given below:-

YEAR TARGET FOR TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS IN BACKWARD AREAS ACHIEVEMENTS MADE

1997-98	13,000	13,156
1998-99	15,000	15,891
1999-2000	20,000	20,739
2000-2001	30,000	1,917

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