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UNSATISFACTORY TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is unsatisfactory telecommunication services in the rural areas of Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to improve the telecommunication services in the rural areas of said States; and
- (d) the funds allocated for the purpose during the Ninth Five Year Plan, year-wise ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) & (b) The telecommunication services in the rural areas of UP & Rajasthan are generally satisfactory. However, in certain cases the services are affected due to following reasons :

- (i) Inadequate power supply and extreme voltage fluctuations.
- (ii) Natural calamities
- (iii) Poor infrastructure.

(c) The steps being taken for improvement of Telecom services in rural areas are as below :-

- (i) Upgradation of external plant by laying more underground cables.
- (ii) Improving long distance connectivity by replacing overhead lines with stable media.
- (iii) Provision of Engine Alternators as standby power source in all the rural exchanges.
- (iv) Induction of new technologies like WLL & C-DOT TDM PMPA etc.

(d) The year wise funds allocated for the purpose during the Ninth Five Year Plan are given below:

Amount (Amount in crores of Rupees)

Sl. No. Year Rajasthan Uttar Pradesh

1. 1997-98 Rs. 12.07 Rs. 113.68

2. 1998-99 Rs. 54.71 Rs. 152.42

3. 1999-2000	Rs. 133.18	Rs. 128.96
4. 2000-2001	Rs. 106.87	Rs. 374.31