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TELEPHONE SERVICE IN RURAL AREAS OF WEST BENGAL
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to convert small and medium exchanges into remote subscriber units (RSUs)/upgrade them in main exchanges in West Bengal; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to improve the telephone service in rural areas of West Bengal?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI , PRADHAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following steps are being taken to improve the telephone services in rural areas of West Bengal: -

(i) All medium exchanges are under conversion to RSUs.

(ii) Replacement of 256P CDOT RAXs into AN-RAXs.

(iii) Introduction of modern technology like Wireless in Local Loop (WLL).