

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3057
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WLL IN NORTH-EAST REGION
HOLKHOMANG HAOKIP

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that WLL has not been provided in the entire North-East Region;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether WLL has been properly launched in Imphal ;
- (d) if so, the number of connections provided so far;
- (e) whether the Government propose to introduce it in the remote and hilly areas of Manipur where there is no land-line facility;
- (f) if so, the time by which it is likely to be introduced it in the remote and hilly areas of Manipur; and
- (g) the difficulties, if any, to start WLL in the remote and hilly areas in the entire North-East Region?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): WLL service is available in Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Tripura, Nagaland, Manipur and Sikkim. In Arunachal Pradesh, procurement of equipment is under process and planned to be provided during 2003-04.
- (c) Yes, Sir.
- (d) 402 as on 07-08-2003
- (e) Yes, Sir.
- (f) 4000 lines capacity is available in Manipur and 1500 lines planned for expansion during 2003-2004.
- (g) There is no specific difficulty except that the coverage is limited in hilly areas in comparison to plain areas.