

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PENDING TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS IN MAHARASHTRA
UTTAMRAO NATHUJI DHIKALE

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

- (a) the district-wise number of the applications in the waiting list for rural and urban telephone connections in Maharashtra;
- (b) the district-wise telephone connections provided in the rural as well as urban areas during each of the last two years are the number of applications in the waiting list; and
- (c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to clear the waiting list?

Answer

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

Reply in respect of BSNL (Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited)

- (a) The district-wise number of applications in the waiting list of the rural and urban telephone connections in Maharashtra as on 30.6.2003 is given in the Annexure.
- (b) The district-wise rural and urban telephone connections provided during last two years in Maharashtra is given in the Annexure.
- (c) A target of providing 296000 new telephone connections is taken up during 2003-04. The details are given below:-

Landline - 75000 Lines
WLL - 221000 Lines

Reply in respect of MTNL (Managar Telephone Nigam Limited)

- (a) There is no waiting list in MTNL Mumbai. However, 8409 OBs are pending as on 30.6.2003 due to areas being TNF (Technically not feasible).
- (b) Total telephone connections provided during 2001-02 and 2002-03 are 31275 and 83400 respectively. Number of pending TNF OBs during the period 2001-02 and 2002-03 are 26121 and 2463 respectively.
- (c) Action is already being taken to clear all the pending TNF OBs by laying additional cables, cable arrangement work, retrieval of faulty cable pairs and installation of DLCs (Digital Loop Carrier). In addition to above, TNF cases are also cleared by installing FWT (Fixed Wire Terminal) connections.

ANNEXURE

MAHARASHTRA TELECOM CIRCLE

DISTRICT-WISE WAITING LIST AS ON DATE & TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS PROVIDED IN RURAL AND URBAN AREA DURING LAST TWO YEARS

Sl. No. District Waiting list as on 30.6.2003 Telephone connections provided Waiting List (As on 31st March)

Dur 2001-02 Dur 2002-03 Dur 2001-02 Dur 2002-03
Urban Rural Urban Rural Urban Rural Urban Rural Urban Rural

1	Ahmednagar	1057	20647	11462	26175	16025	16343	954	19891	807	18671
2	Akola	295	2143	6212	3020	2004	6294	299	1992	141	2226
3	Amravati	313	4627	6737	6970	6192	6215	205	1478	175	4172
4	Aurangabad	1107	7279	18157	6350	15876	7915	888	5146	549	7443
5	Beed	459	5727	4706	5475	5866	8113	273	3921	157	4948
6	Bhandara	128	1302	1832	4088	6380	33	102	998	159	1280
7	Buldana	295	3617	6415	3636	5440	1560	133	386	762	2336
8	Chandrapur	503	645	4133	-957	6643	1773	148	530	523	455
9	Dhule	107	1720	3723	7026	8470	2227	989	1036	100	1297
10	Gadchiroli	35	65	3846	6912	2295	1048	68	113	23	37
11	Gonad	100	1011	1633	1963	1023	147	84	451	115	1011
12	Hingoli	0	1361	3001	1381	443	577	0	1051	0	1113
13	Jalgaon	1287	5258	12284	16000	10967	12555	633	3662	1304	4828
14	Jalna	148	5099	4197	5318	4419	3726	118	2897	66	5114
15	Kalyan	1546	2145	64621	6033	27594	8195	2408	2240	123	1120
16	Kolhapur	621	5316	27944	17319	15538	18550	1466	6365	325	2738
17	Latur	0	1688	7431	11759	5426	7941	65	1683	9	1349
18	Nagpur	1527	2495	20393	6672	38341	-9985	373	4031	651	882
19	Nanded	459	2643	10580	9425	11324	3510	300	1763	564	2388
20	Nandurbar	270	803	1723	3547	1911	1116	776	1234	34	1103
21	Nasik	1196	10388	2172	27297	22122	7333	169	5809	919	8335
22	Osmanabad	62	3973	4559	5155	3972	3677	18	4313	195	4074
23	Parbhani	0	1223	4633	3706	5235	1721	0	2007	0	1348
24	Pune	6833	22568	61851	24467	95488	5774	3403	16547	6267	17981
25	Raigad	373	2521	12398	3673	4413	3095	98	677	176	1919
26	Ratnagiri	598	5023	2750	10261	4416	7328	533	2606	418	4946
27	Sangli	3	5401	4323	25449	4395	10465	1	3544	0	4224
28	Satara	495	11439	3666	21545	-2982	19978	617	4581	350	10079
29	Sindhudurg	328	6169	2244	4275	-123	7569	928	4904	358	6262
30	Solapur	624	11964	11132	28490	8478	7876	558	5355	308	10263
31	Wardha	299	1830	1754	6459	9584	-3550	134	1050	226	1606
32	Washim	115	1783	2014	1046	-83	4001	93	996	98	1239
33	Yeotmal	163	1935	6318	5207	7519	3315	469	1184	124	1888
	TOTAL	21346	161808	336500	315142	355331	176435	17303	114471	16026	138675

Figures are excluding MTNL Mumbai.