

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the number of persons in the waiting lists for telephone connections under various categories in the country as on October, 2003, State-wise;
- (b) whether special efforts have been made to clear the waiting list; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the telephone connections are likely to be provided or proposed to be provided to all the persons in the waiting list?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SRI P. YASHOK PRADHAN)

(a) The number of persons in the waiting lists for telephone connections under various categories such as OYT(Own Your Telephone), General and Special in the country as on 31.10.2003,State-wise is given in the Annexure.

(b)&(c): Yes, Sir. The efforts taken by MTNL (Mahanager Nager TelephoneNigam Limited) and BSNL(Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited) to provide the connections expeditiously are as follows:

- (i) BSNL has planned to deploy wireless in Local Loop (WLL) system to meet the scattered demand in rural and far flung areas.
- (ii) BSNL has planned to provide 60.61 lakhs DEL's (Direct Exchange Lines) during 2003-2004 and a tentative plan of 100 lakh DEL's has also been proposed during 2004-2005,
- (iii) Extensive use of wireless technology in the customer access network like WLL, PAS (Personal Access system), opening of more number of exchanges and lying of underground cables in technically non- feasible areas.

The waiting list is expected to be cleared progressively by the end of year 2004-2005 subject to availability of resources particularly for rural areas where these services are unremunerative.

Annexure

STATE/CIRCLE/METRO DISTRICT-WISE WAITING LIST UNDER VARIOUS CATEGORIES AS ON 31.10.2003

S. Name of the Category
No Circle/State/Metro
Districts

	OYT	GENERAL	SPECIAL	TOTAL
1 ANDAMAN & NICOBAR	0	240	0	240
2 ANDHRA PRADESH	0	36756	2	36758
3 ASSAM	0	17084	0	17084
4 BIHAR	2	112083	2306	114391
5 CHHATTISGARH	0	4419	0	4419
6 GUJRAT	0	60754	0	60754
7 HIMACHAL PRADESH	1	50191	991	51183
8 HARYANA	3	102103	671	102777
9 JAMMU & KASHMIR	265	38359	4704	43328
10 JHARKHAND	0	9309	10	9319
11 KERALA	356	402418	50976	453750
12 KARNATAKA	0	92420	3973	96393
13 MAHARASHTRA +	6	188835	1879	190720
14 MADHYA PRADESH	0	17189	0	17189
15 NORTH EAST-I ++	0	8366	2	8368

16	NORTH EAST-II	+++	0	5618	0	5618
17	ORISSA		0	13318	9	13327
18	PUNJAB		2	102242	2318	104562
19	RAJASTHAN		8	142193	2362	144563
20	TAMIL NADU		0	59272	183	59455
21	UTTARANCHAL		0	7361	154	7515
22	UTTAR PRADESH	(E)	0	103217	0	103217
23	UTTAR PRADESH	(W)	0	55035	318	55353
24	WEST BENGAL	#	32	149278	2282	151592
25	CHENNAI		0	1092	0	1092
26	CALCUTTA		0	2533	0	2533

TOTAL	675	1781685	73140	1855500
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+ Maharashtra includes the W/L of Goa State.
 ++ NE-I includes the W/L of Meghalaya, Mozoram & Tripura States.
 +++ NE-II includes the W/L of Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur & Nagaland States.
 # West Bengal includes the W/L of Sikkim State.