

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

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REPLACEMENT OF MARR TELEPHONES
BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB

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

- (a) whether the Government propose to replace all the MARR telephones both landline and WLL in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which all MARR telephones are likely to be replaced?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Out of a total of 200751 MARR VPTs, 54971 MARR VPTs have been replaced by WLL technology up to 31.3.2003. It is planned to replace 80,000 MARR VPTs during the current year 2003-04 subject to availability of resources. Out of this, 13921 MARR VPTs have also been replaced from 1.4.2003 to 31.10.2003.

(c) All MARR based VPTs are planned to be replaced by landline and WLL technology by 2004-05 progressively.