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TELEPHONE EXCHANGES IN WEST BENGAL
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of telephone exchanges set up in rural areas of all the districts of West Bengal;
- (b) whether there are any more pending Telephone Exchanges to be set up in different districts of West Bengal; and
- (c) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) Sir, 1066 Telephone Exchanges have been set up in rural areas of all the districts of West Bengal.
- (b) Yes, Sir.
- (c) Following steps are taken to improve rural connectivity:-

- (i) Opening of new exchanges where techno-economic viability is there.
- (ii) Providing WLL to rural populace progressively by installing at least one number of BTS in each SDCA.
- (iii) Details of new exchanges planned are as under:-

S.No. Name of district No. of telephone Exchanges to be set up

- 1. Murshidabad 02
- 2. Cooch Behar 06
- 3. Nadia 04
- 4. Malda 01
- 5. Midnapore 04
- 6. Howrah 04
- 7 Hooghly 01
- 8. 24 Parganas (North) 02
- 9. 24 Parganas (South) 02

Total 26

