

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3186  
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WAITING LIST FOR TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS IN BIHAR  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) the total number of applicants waitlisted for new telephone connections in Bihar till date;
- (b) the number of new connections issued in the State during the last two years and the number of applications received by the department during the said period; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to clear the backlog?

**Answer**

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

- (a) A total of 1.21 lakh applicants are in the waiting list as on 31.12.2003 for new telephone connections in Bihar Telecom Circle.
- (b) The number of new connections released by BSNL during the last two years (2001-2003)and the number of applications received during the same period are as under:-

No. of Connections Released (Lakh lines)	Number of Applications Received (Lakhs)
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2.55	2.50
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- (c) To clear the waiting list, BSNL has planned a total of 2.5 lakh DELs (Direct Exchange Lines) to be provided during 2003-04.