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TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS IN DELHI BY MTNL
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the time being taken in providing telephone connections by various telephone exchanges under the MTNL in Delhi as on date;
- (b) the number of applicants in the waiting list for getting telephone connection in Delhi from December 1999 to as on date; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) In all telephone exchanges under MTNL, the new telephone connections (NTC) are normally provided within the norms prescribed by the DOT i.e. 15 days after the issue of OB except for the following reasons :

- (i) Some of the pockets being technically not feasible i.e. due to non-availability of under ground cable pair.
- (ii) Due to exchange capacity constraint
- (iii) Due to subscriber reason.

(b)

(i) The no. of persons on waiting list as on 1.7.2000 is 2391.

(ii) As on 14.7.2000, 56,223 OBs issued since December, 99 are pending for installation of new telephone connections. Out of these 46791 are currently technically non-feasible.

(c) Following steps are being take to clear the pending OBs:

The work of Technically Feasible OBs is in progress and is likely to be completed shortly.

Expansion of existing exchanges.

Laying of underground cable in Technically Non-Feasible areas.

Use of Pair Gain System.

Use of Second Remote Switches (CNEs).

Use of DLCs in place of copper based cables.

Providing telephone connections through Wireless in Local Loop (WLL).