

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1256
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TELECOM FACILITIES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Gram Panchayats in Maharashtra having telephone facility during the last 3 years and till date, district-wise ;
- (b) the number of Gram Panchayats proposed to be provided with such facilities during 2000-2001, location-wise;
- (c) the expenditure incurred thereon and the number and type of telephone exchanges proposed to be set up in the State;
- (d) whether the large number of telephone exchanges are lying out of order in rural areas of the country, particularly in Ahmednagar and Nandurbar regions ;
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (f) the steps taken by the Government to make communication system effective in the rural areas of the country particularly in Maharashtra and the said regions;
- (g) whether the Government propose to set up super electronic system in Nandurbar region; and
- (h) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

Minister of State for Communications (Shri Tapan Sikdar)

(a) Number of Gram Panchayats provided with telecom facility in Maharashtra State during the last 3 years are as under. District-wise details are furnished in the enclosed Annexure.

Year	No. of Gram Panchayats provided with telecom facility
1997-98	1645
1998-99	1360
1999-2000	79

(a) There is no DTS target to provide telecom facilities in Maharashtra for the year 2000-2001. All the remaining Gram Panchayats will be provided by telecom facilities by Private Fixed Service Providers.

(b) Expenditure incurred on VPTs in Gram Panchayat is 204.6 crores. During the year 2000-01, 800 new electronic rural exchanges have been planned in Maharashtra.

(c) No Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of (d) above.

(e) Reliable transmission media is being provided to telephone exchanges on OFC/microwave systems. WLL systems have been planned for rural areas.

(f) & (h) All the exchanges serving rural areas are electronic exchanges. Internet Nodes at Nandurbar are planned to be commissioned by August 2000. New exchanges are planned for Samshepur, Kothali, Chaupale, Ranzani, Partappur and Katharde digar and OFC is planned at Naigaon, Chinchpada, Visarwadi, Kolda, Nandurbar, Shahde and Akalkuwa.

Statement in respect of Part(a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.1256 for 31st July, 2000 regarding Telephone Facilities

ANNEXURE

S.No.	Name of SSA Gram Panchayats provided with Telecom. Facility during facility till date	Gram Panchayats having telecom			
	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000		
1	Ahmednagar	21	15	0	1141
2	Akola	19	27	0	439
3	Washim	17	31	0	481

4	Amravati	12	5	0	731
5	Aurangabad	85	60	0	693
6	Beed	86	35	8	893
7	Bhandara	44	26	0	569
8	Gondia	39	43	0	423
9	Buldhana	56	100	17	783
10	Chandrapur	63	37	0	756
11	Dhule	10	7	0	478
12	Nandurbar	0	17	0	417
13	Gadchiroli	12	32	0	363
14	Jalgaon	28	32	0	1062
15	Jalna	88	60	3	557
16	Kalyan	31	24	0	787
17	Kolhapur	57	51	2	913
18	Latur	116	6	0	562
19	Nagpur	11	12	4	687
20	Nanded	18	26	16	1100
21	Nasik	46	70	0	1224
22	Osmanabad	70	108	0	468
23	Parbhani	202	100	0	504
24	Hingoli	0	0	14	478
25	Pune	63	28	1	1032
26	Raigad	60	61	0	585
27	Ratnagiri	56	54	7	453
28	Sangli	22	12	0	610
29	Satara	20	63	0	894
30	Sindhudurg	95	24	0	220
31	Solapur	39	18	0	931
32	Wardha	91	120	0	456
33	Yeotmal	68	56	7	1042
Total					
		1645	1360	79	22732