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TELEPHONE EXCHANGES IN RURAL AREAS OF PUNJAB
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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 Punjab particularly in Amritsar, Patiala, Jalandhar and Chandigarh, district-wise;
- (b) whether there is any proposal to set up more telephone exchanges in the said districts of Punjab; and
- (c) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) The information is as under :-

SL.No. Name of district No. of Exchanges

1. Amritsar	128	
2. Bathinda	62	
3. Mansa	47	
4. Chandigarh	03	
5. Ferozepur	125	
6. Moga	38	
7. Mukatsar	51	
8. Faridkot	30	
9. Hoshiarpur	77	
10. Jalandhar	88	
11. Kapurthala	40	
12. Nawashahar	41	
13. Patiala	95	
14. Fatehgarh Sahib	29	
15. Gurdaspur	104	
16. Ropar	58	
17. Sangrur	119	
18. Ludhiana	94	

Total 1229

- (b) There is a proposal for opening of telephone exchange in rural area at Shampura in Gurdaspur District (Pathankot SSA).
- (c) Equipment to be installed is being procured and exchange is expected to be commissioned by March 2005.