

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4136
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TELEPHONE CONNECTIVITY IN J& K
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether most of the districts of Jammu & Kashmir have still not been connected with telephone connectivity;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to provide complete telephone connectivity particularly in the hilly areas of Districts Doda, Udhampur and Kathua;
- (d) whether there is any proposal pending with the Government to provide WLL facilities in J & K particularly in the remote hilly areas of the above Districts; and
- (e) if so, the time by when it is likely to be done?

Answer

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

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.
- (c) The status as on 31-03-2005 in respect of Exchange Capacity, Direct Exchange Lines (DELs), Waiting List (W/L) and Number of Exchanges for the Districts of Doda, Udhampur and Kathua is given in the Annexure.
- (d) Yes, Sir. The district-wise locations identified for the installation of Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) Base Terminal Stations (BTSs) is as under:

District Doda: Gool, Mahore, Ramban, Doda, Thatri, Bholderwah, Bankot and Kishtwar.

District Udhampur: Salal, Pouni, Katra, Udhampur, Kud Mand, Ramnagar, Thail, Manswar and Manwal.

District Kathua : Basholi, Mahanpur, Billawar, Gujru, Nagrota, Kathua, Lakhanpur, Barnoti, Chadwal, Gagwal, Marheen, Janglote, Barwal, Gainthia, Dingamba, Nagriparole and Hiranagar.

After the installation of BTS at the above stations, almost whole area of these three districts will be covered.

- (e) The pending proposals are likely to be cleared by 2006- 07.

ANNEXURE

Exchange capacity, Direct Exchange Lines (DELs), Waiting List (W/L) and Number of Exchanges for the Districts of Doda, Udhampur and Kathua

S.N o.	Name of the District	Exchange Capacity (In lines)	DELs	W/L	No. of Exchanges
1.	Doda	14296	9509	835	20

2.	Udhampur	28100	29772	978	43
3.	Kathua	22628	14309	2188	37
