

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

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PROVIDING TELEPHONE IN VILLAGE PANCHAYAT  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the target for providing telephone connections in every village Panchayat in Andhra Pradesh has not been achieved so far;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the time by which telephone connections to every Panchayat is likely to be provided in the country?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) BSNL has completed its share of providing public telephones in all Panchayat villages of Andhra Pradesh. As per the present policy, all revenue villages are to be covered by Village Public Telephones. The 1451 eligible villages remaining uncovered are expected to be covered by 31.3.2006.