

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1120
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PENDING APPLICATIONS FOR TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of applications pending for new telephone connections in each district of Tamil Nadu particularly in Periyakulam district till date;
- (b) the period since when these applications are pending and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the time by which the applications are likely to be cleared?

Answer

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

(a) Sir, as on 30.10.05, the total number of applications pending for new telephone connections in Tamilnadu was 138892 and only 14 in periyakulam. Revenue district wise details are given in the Annexure.

(b) & (c) The state of Tamilnadu comprises of two telecom circles

(i) Tamilnadu Telecom circle and

(ii) Chennai Telecom District. The oldest pending application in Tamilnadu Telecom Circle was registered on 21.5.2004. In Chennai Telecom District, the oldest pending application was registered in January, 2000 in Chengalpattu SSA.

Most of the waiting list is in the farflung rural areas where landline telephone coverage is not feasible. Therefore, Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) deployment is being done in a big way. BSNL has planned 150k lines WLL equipment in Tamilnadu Circle during 2005-06. All the pending wait-listing applications in Tamilnadu circle and Chennai Telecom district are likely to be cleared progressively by June 2006.

Annexure

LIST OF PENDING APPLICATION FOR NEW TELEPHONE CONNECTION IN TAMILNADU AS ON 31.10.2005

TAMIL NADU TELECOM CIRCLE

SL.NO.	NAME OF REVENUE DISTRICT	PENDING APPLICATIONS
1	COIMBATORE	8463
2	CUDDALORE	5584
3	DHARMAPURI	3413
4	DINDIGUL	2808
5	ERODE	6025
6	KANYAKUMARI	7473
7	KARUR	3117
8	KRISHNAGIRI	3295
9	MADURAI	920
10	NAGAPATTINAM	7717
11	NAMAKKAL	4337
12	PERAMBALUR	6297
13	PUDUKOTTAL	7053
14	RAMANATHAPURAM	2913
15	SALEM	5787
16	SIVAGANGA	4059
17	THANJAVUR	3889
18	THE NILGIRIS	0
19	THENI	144
20	THIRUVARUR	4640
21	TIRUNELVELI	4296
22	TIRUVANNAMALAI	4874
23	TRICHY	4540

24	TUTICORIN	3303
25	VELLORE	8315
26	VILLUPURAM	11126
27	VIRUDHUNAGAR	3454

CHENNAI TELECOM DISTRICT

SL.NO.	NAME OF SSA	PENDING APPLICATIONS
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1	CHENNAI	0
2	CHENGALPATTU SSA	11050
TAMIL NADU STATE TOTAL		138892