

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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VILLAGE PUBLIC TELEPHONE
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Village Public Telephone (VPT) installed in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the target set for the purpose during the Tenth Five Year Plan;
- (c) the steps taken to achieve the target; and
- (d) the time by which each village in the country is likely to be provided with VPT, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a) As on 31.5.2004, 509850 Village Public Telephones (VPTs) have been provided by BSNL in the country. Circle-wise details are given in the Annexure-I.

(b) BSNL target for the Tenth Five Year Plan is to provide VPTs to 80828 villages.

(c) Following steps have been taken to achieve the target:

(i) Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) system is being deployed in large quantity to provide VPTs.

(ii) Remote and isolated villages, which cannot be covered by any terrestrial media, are planned to be covered by satellite technology.

(d) BSNL has planned to cover the remaining villages of its share by 31-3-2006, subject to availability of financial support from the Government. Circle-wise details are given in the Annexure-II.

ANNEXURE-I

CIRCLE-WISE DETAILS OF VILLAGE PUBLIC TELEPHONES AS ON 31-05-2004

S. No.	Name of Telecom Circle Villages	Total No. of Revenue Telephones (VPTs)	Number of Village Public
1.	ANDAMAN & NICOBAR	201	198
2.	ANDHRA PRADESH	29460	23419
3.	ASSAM	24685	19488
4.	BIHAR	41077	38475
5.	JHARKHAND	31703	26904
6.	GUJARAT	18125	11214
7.	HARYANA	6850	6811

8.	HIMACHAL PRADESH	16925	16587
9.	JAMMU & KASHMIR	6764	4812
10.	KARNATAKA	27066	27066
11.	KERALA	1468	1468
12.	MADHYA PRADESH	51806	37601
13.	CHATTISGARH	19720	14665
14.	MAHARASHTRA	42467	31541
15.	NORTH EAST-I	7125	4206
16.	NORTH EAST-II	7020	3266
17.	ORISSA	46989	40753
18.	PUNJAB	12687	12687
19.	RAJASTHAN	39483	23858
20.	TAMIL NADU	17899	17899
21.	UTTAR PRADESH (E)	79792	76000
22.	UTTAR PRADESH (W)	23604	21268
23.	UTTRANCHAL	15610	11730
24.	WEST BENGAL	38337	37306
25.	CALCUTTA	437	437
26.	DELHI	191	191

TOTAL 607491 509850

ANNEXURE-II

TARGETS FOR PROVIDING VPTs IN THE REMAINING VILLAGES DURING THE TENTH FIVE YEAR PLAN (2002-2007) BY BSNL

S. Name of Telecom Circle Total No. of Targets for
No. Revenue providing VPTs
Villages during 10th Five Year Plan

1.	ANDAMAN & NICOBAR	201	4
2.	ANDHRA PRADESH	29460	0
3.	ASSAM	24685	7667
4.	BIHAR	41077	11663
5.	JHARKHAND	31703	14630
6.	GUJARAT	18125	0
7.	HARYANA	6850	39
8.	HIMACHAL PRADESH	16925	545
9.	JAMMU & KASHMIR	6764	2692
10.	KARNATAKA	27066	6
11.	KERALA	1468	0
12.	MADHYA PRADESH	51806	4
13.	CHATTISGARH	19720	340
14.	MAHARASHTRA	42467	0
15.	NORTH EAST-I	7125	4172
16.	NORTH EAST-II	7020	4811
17.	ORISSA	46989	11632
18.	PUNJAB	12687	0
19.	RAJASTHAN	39483	24

20.	TAMIL NADU	17899	0	
21.	UTTAR PRADESH (E)	79792	10478	
22.	UTTAR PRADESH (W)	23604	2336	
23.	UTTRANCHAL	15610		5607
24.	WEST BENGAL	38337		4178
25.	CALCUTTA	437	0	
26.	DELHI	191	0	

TOTAL 607491 80828