

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:173
ANSWERED ON:01.12.2004
VILLAGE PUBLIC TELEPHONES
Singh Shri Sugrib

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Village Public Telephones (VPTs) allotted in each State during the last three years;
- (b) whether there is a great irregularity in the allotment and use of such VPTs;
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal to review such cases; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken in the matter?

Answer

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

(a) The number of Village Public Telephones (VPTs) allotted in each State during last three years is given in the Annexure.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) & (d) Do not arise in view of (b) above.

ANNEXURE

VPTs ALLOTTED BY BSNL TO CIRCLES/STATES DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS

| SL.NO | CIRCLE /STATE | 2001- 2002 | 2002- 2003 | 2003- 2004 |
|-------|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1 | ANDAMAN & NICOBAR | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 2 | ANDHRA PRADESH | 18 | 0 | 0 |
| 3 | ASSAM | 2501 | 1007 | 1354 |
| 4 | BIHAR | 15612 | 9061 | 0 |
| 5 | JHARKHAND | 9980 | 9197 | 634 |
| 6 | GUJARAT | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 7 | HARYANA | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 8 | HIMACHAL PRADESH | 4507 | 205 | 2 |
| 9 | JAMMU & KASHMIR | 50 | 177 | 537 |
| 10 | KARNATAKA | 4 | 6 | 0 |
| 11 | KERALA | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 12 | MADHYA PRADESH | 312 | 0 | 4 |
| 13 | CHHATTISGARH | 3677 | 248 | 0 |
| 14 | MAHARASHTRA (Includes GOA) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 15 | NORTH EAST - I (Includes MEGHALYA, MIZORAM, TRIPURA) | 368 | 389 | 847 |
| 16 | NORTH - II (Includes ANUNACHAL PRADESH, MANIPUR, NAGALAND) | 147 | 135 | 907 |
| 17 | ORISSA | 10392 | 5078 | 318 |
| 18 | PUNJAB | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 19 | RAJASTHAN | 33 | 0 | 0 |
| 20 | TAMIL NADU (Includes PONDICHERY) | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 21 | UTTAR PREDESH (E) | 8179 | 6651 | 35 |
| 22 | UTTAR PREDESH (W) | 2402 | 0 | 0 |
| 23 | UTTRANCHAL | 2162 | 1627 | 99 |
| 24 | WEST BENGAL (Includes SIKKAM) | 10357 | 3147 | 0 |
| 25 | KOLKATA | 53 | 0 | 0 |
| 26 | DELHI | 0 | 0 | 0 |

TOTAL 70755 36929 4737