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SETTING UP OF ELECTRONIC TELEPHONE EXCHANGES

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

- (a) the number of Electronic Telephone Exchanges/telephone exchanges set up in the country, as on date, State-wise, Secondary Switching Areas (SSA)-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has any proposal to open more electronic telephone exchanges in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and SSA-wise;
- (d) the total number of manual, analogue and electro mechanical telephone exchanges are functioning in the country especially in Andhra Pradesh;
- (e) the number of telephone exchanges that have been converted into digital electronic exchanges in the country as on date;
- (f) whether Rural Telephone Exchanges in Andhra Pradesh are functioning either manually or through analogue mode;
- (g) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (h) the time by which is likely to be covered into digital exchange?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) The total number of Electronic Telephone Exchanges set up by BSNL in the country are 38,158 out of which 8,702 are in urban area and 29,456 in rural area. The State-wise (Circle-wise) and SSA-wise list of above noted exchanges are placed at Annexure-I & II.As on 31.03.2008, the number of Electronic Telephone Exchanges setup by MTNL in Delhi and Mumbai are 335 and 202 respectively.

(b) & (c) Yes, Sir. The details of telephone exchanges proposed to be set up by BSNL State-wise (circle-wise) and Secondary Switching Area (SSA) wise is given at Annexure-III. Details of telephone exchanges proposed to be set up by MTNL is given at Annexure-IV.

(d) to (h) All the telephone exchanges working in MTNL and BSNL network (including Andhra Pradesh) are electronic and digital in nature.