

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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TELEPHONE EXCHANGES IN KERALA
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of telephone exchanges in Kerala;
- (b) whether capacity of these exchanges are adequate to meet the increasing demands;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to declare a special package for the clearance of waiting list of applicants in Kerala especially in Alappuzha district; and
- (d) if so, the time by when the package is likely to be announced?

Answer

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

- (a) There are 1203 telephone exchanges in Kerala as on 28.2.2005.
- (b) Yes, Sir. However, certain exchanges where adequate capacity is not available is being augmented.
- (c) & (d) No, Sir. BSNL has no such proposal to declare a special package for the clearance of waiting list of applicants in Kerala specially in Alappuzha district. However, most of the present waiting list in Kerala is likely to be cleared progressively by 31.03.2006.