

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

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SETTING UP OF TELEPHONE EXCHANGES  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has set up rural telephone exchanges in the country including Karnataka;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to set up more telephone exchanges in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (e) the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT)

- (a) & (b) Yes, Sir. A statement indicating State-wise number of rural telephone exchanges set up in the country including Karnataka during each of the last three years and the current year is given in Annexure-I
- (c) to (e) Yes, Sir. The number of proposed exchanges are as per the requirement of each State. A statement indicating State-wise number of telephone exchanges proposed to be set up in the country is given in Annexure-II.