

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

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

- (a) the total number of telephone exchanges set up in the country, State-wise including West Bengal during the last Five Year Plan Period;
- (b) the number of telephone exchanges functioning properly at present;
- (c) whether all the exchanges in the States have been provided with STD/ISD facilities and internet services;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the criteria adopted to provide these facilities to the States; and
- (f) the number of telephone exchanges under construction in the country, State-wise and location-wise?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(SHRI MILIND DEORA)

- (a) The total number of telephone exchanges set up by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) in the country, circle-wise including West Bengal during the last Five Year Plan Period are as per Annexure-I.
- (b) Presently, 37623 telephone exchanges of BSNL, are working properly.
- (c) to (e) All the telephone exchanges of BSNL in all the States of the country have been provided with STD/ISD facilities and Internet Services.
- (f) The number of BSNL telephone exchanges under construction are 6 in Haryana, 22 in Maharashtra and 16 in UP (East) Telecom circle.