

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

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WAITING LIST FOR TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the waiting lists for telephone connections in rural areas of the country is increasing day-by-day;
- (b) If so, the details thereof alongwith the present status in this regard, State-wise; and
- (c) the time by which the entire backlog is likely to be cleared?

**Answer**

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

(a) No, Sir.

(b) A total number of 77,581 and 46,484 applicants have been wait listed for wire line and Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) telephone connections respectively as on 31.05.2009. A statement indicating the status of State-wise waiting list in rural areas of the country for wire line and WLL telephone connections as on 31.03.2007, 31.03.2008, 31.03.2009 and 31.05.2009 is given in the Annexure. There is no waiting list in the case of mobile phones in the rural areas of the country.

(c) The generation of waiting list is a continuous process due to new registration of applicants for telephone connections every month and provisions of telephone connections to old applicants. The current waiting list of wire line and WLL is likely to be cleared progressively by the end of March, 2010.