

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS IN VILLAGES

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

- (a) the number of villages in the country where telephone connections have been provided during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) the number of villages which are not having this facility; and
- (c) the time by which all the villages of the country are likely to be provided with the said facility?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) A statement indicating State-wise number of villages provided with 57,926 Village Public Telephones (VPTs) in the country during the last three years and the current financial year 2009-10 upto 31.10.2009 is given in the Annexure. The remaining 31,449 villages, which have not yet been provided with VPT facility, will be provided with this facility by February, 2011.