

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Underground Cable
Lokhande Shri Sadashiv Kisan

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

- (a) the number of gram panchayats connected through underground cable as on date, State-wise;
- (b) the details of the complaints received regarding laying of cables along with the action taken thereon;
- (c) the reasons for not providing telephone connections to the gram panchayats despite laying of cables; and
- (d) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

- (a) Telecom Circle-wise number of Gram Panchayats connected through underground cable, as on date is given at Annexure.
- (b) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has reported that no complaint has been received regarding laying of cables for Gram Panchayats.
- (c) As informed by BSNL, landline telephone connections are provided to Gram Panchayats, wherever underground cable have been laid and are feasible.
- (d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

Annexure

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Gram Panchayat connected through Underground Cable

Sr. No Name of the Telecom Circle Number of Gram Panchayat connected through Underground Cable

1 Andaman & Nicobar 52
2 Andhra Pradesh & Telangana 20607
3 Assam 267
4 Bihar 2495
5 Chhattisgarh 372
6 Gujarat 6481
7 Haryana 1303
8 Himachal Pradesh 1485
9 Jammu & Kashmir 1481
10 Jharkhand 1244
11 Karnataka 3400
12 Kerala 978
13 Madhya Pradesh 3782
14 Maharashtra 7734
15 North-East-I
(Meghalaya, Mizoram & Tripura) 858
16 North-East-II (Manipur, Nagaland & Arunachal Pradesh) 212
17 Odisha 582
18 Punjab 10405
19 Rajasthan 2954
20 Tamil Nadu 7746
21 Uttarakhand 1688
22 Uttar Pradesh-East 7913
23 Uttar Pradesh -West 4674
24 West Bengal & Sikkim 3168
25 Kolkata Telecom District 179
26 Chennai Telecom District 1162

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