

Title: Need to set up WLL based telephone exchange in Mollakhali South 24 Parganas in Sundarbans areas of West Bengal - Laid.

SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL (JOYNAGAR) : The WLL telephones have recently started functioning in the Sundarban areas of West Bengal. However, some problems have arisen in their functioning which require urgent attention of the Government.

The Government is aware that Sundarban areas consist of remote and isolated villages. These villages cannot be covered by terrestrial means. Hence installation of more WLL based VPTs should be given top priority. Significantly the priorities formulated by the government for the allotment of WLL connections are not being followed by the local authorities. Hence this matter should be examined and clear instructions should be given to follow the guidelines.

In this background there is a specific need for the setting up of a WLL based telephone exchange in Sundarban areas. Unless this is done the problems cannot be altered and for this purpose I may suggest Mollakhali under P.S. Gosaba in the district of South 24 Paraganas.

I, therefore, urge upon the Government. to take steps for the setting up of a WLL based telephone exchange at the above mentioned place and new technology for the WLL system at Canning for its further improvement.

...(Interruptions)

SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI (RAIGANJ): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, the hon. Deputy Prime Minister did not respond to the fourteen major questions raised by the hon. Members....(Interruptions)