

Title: Need to improve telecommunication services in Tenali Parliamentary constituency in Andhra Pradesh.

PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU (TENALI): The telecommunication services in Tenali constituency in Andhra Pradesh are not up to the mark both qualitatively and quantitatively. There are several villages still to be connected with cable and telephone particularly on the coastal belt of Bay of Bengal and also on both sides of Krishna river.

The telephone in the villages already connected are not properly working. The exchanges do not function. Buildings are not being constructed even if the site is available for exchanges. The new exchanges are not coming up even though the waiting list is mounting in several villages. Subscribers are becoming impatient. S.T.D. facilities are not extended to several villages. In the villages where there is S.T.D. facilities, subscribers do not get calls. Cyclone warning sets are not functioning. The situation is worse particularly in the villages of Diviseema and Kollur, Bhattiprolu Lanka villages. This is, in brief, the telecommunications situation in my constituency.

Hence, I urge upon the Government to pay special attention for improving both quantitatively and qualitatively the telecommunication services in the entire Tenali constituency which is located in the cyclone prone coastal area of Guntur and Krishna Districts in Andhra Pradesh.