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Title : Need to provide telephone connection to all villages in Khadir, Gujarat.

SHRI P.S. GADHAVI (KUTCH): Thank you very much Sir. I would like to invite the attention of the hon. Minister of Communications towards a burning problem regarding getting telephone connections in Khadir area of my constituency, that is, Kutch, Gujarat.

Sir, this area is an island and is known as Khadir area. It is situated at the remotest end of our country and is on the border. Khadir island is spread in an area of about 200 sq. kms. and has a population of about 20,000, which is scattered in more than 15 to 20 villages. This area is at a distance of 200 kms. from the Taluka Headquarters and it is very difficult to have access to that area as there is negligible facility of telephones. The only telephone connection that is there is in Dholavira village. So, in that area, the facility of telephone connection is a must because it is on the border and is the remotest part of the country. It also has a BSF post there.

There is a long-standing demand of the people of that area for having telephone facility. So, I urge upon the Government of India, particularly the Telephone Department, to provide telephone facility in that area.