

**Telephone Exchanges in Bihar***[Translation]*

3818. SHRI PRABHASH CHANDRA TIWARI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephone exchanges functioning in the rural areas of Bihar, district-wise; and

(b) the time by which the telephone exchanges are likely to be installed in every village of Bihar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) The details are given in the attached statement.

(b) Telephone Exchanges in villages are opened according to guide-lines based on the demand for Telephones. Whenever, the registered demand exceeds 10, the Exchange is opened expeditiously. However, it is planned to provide telephone facility to each village of Bihar by the end of Ninth Five Year Plan.

**Statement**

*Details of Telephone Exchanges Functioning in Rural Areas of Bihar*

S. No.	Name of District	No. of Telephone Exchanges
1	2	3
1.	Bhojpur	10
2.	Buxer	11
3.	Bhagalpur	23
4.	Banka	09
5.	Chapra	15
6.	Siwan	11
7.	Gopalganj	10
8.	Darbhanga	36
9.	Samastipur	17
10.	Begusarai	15
11.	Madhubani	29
12.	Khagaria	15
13.	Palamu	15
14.	Garhwa	07
15.	Dumka	10
16.	Deoghar	05
17.	Godda	06
18.	Sahebganj	09
19.	✓Pakur	02

1	2	3
20.	Dhanbad	06
21.	Bokaro	06
22.	Gaya	14
23.	Nawada	05
24.	Jahanabad	07
25.	Aurangabad	13
26.	Hazaribag	19
27.	Giridih	13
28.	Chatra	02
29.	Koderma	06
30.	Eat Singhbun (JSR)	07
31.	West Singhbun (CHY)	11
32.	Katihar	10
33.	Purnea	11
34.	Ataria	06
35.	Kishanganj	05
36.	East Champaran	25
37.	West Champaran	10
38.	Munger	04
39.	Lakhisarai	05
40.	Sekhpura	02
41.	Jamui	09
42.	Muzaffarpur	16
43.	Vaishali	20
44.	Sitamarhi	13
45.	Sheohar	00
46.	Patna	24
47.	Nalanda	29
48.	Ranchi	19
49.	Lohardaggā	05
50.	Gumla	08
51.	Saharsa	22
52.	Supaul	11
53.	Madhepura	06
54.	Rohtas	18
55.	Kaimur (Bhabhua)	08
Total		650