

Telephone Connections in Punjab

*342. SHRI KAMAL CHAUDHRY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications on waiting list for telephone connections in Punjab as on 28th February, 1990 at District headquarters, exchange-wise:

(b) whether Government are proposing to increase the capacity of the existing telephone exchanges in Punjab to cope with the demand for telephone connections; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the present waiting list as the above exchanges is likely to be exhausted?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANS-

PORT AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRIISHNAN): (a) Statement is given below.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The capacity of existing Telephone Exchanges at all District Headquarters will be augmented progressively to cope up with the demand by providing Electronic Exchanges during the 8th Five Year Plan subject to the availability of equipments. The objectives of 8th Five Year Plan are:

- (i) to provide Telephone practically on demand for the exchanges of capacity less than 5000 lines.
- (ii) to restrict the waiting period on the average to one year for exchanges of capacity more than 5000 lines.

STATEMENT

Sl. No.	Name of District Head/Quarter	Name of Exchange	Waiting List as on 28th February, 1990
1	2	3	4
1.	Ludhiana	— Bharat Nagar — Bhaj Randhir Singh Nagar — Transport Nagar — Focal Point	29644
2.	Amritsar	— Katra Sher Singh — Albert Road	8518
3.	Jalandhar	— Model Town — Jalandhar City — Jalandhar Cantt.	11146
4.	Patiala	Patiala	3928
5.	Bhatinda	Bhatinda	904

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1	2	3	4
6.	Gurdaspur	Gurdaspur	273
7.	Ropar	Ropar	250
8.	Hoshiarpur	Hoshiarpur	1323
9.	Fatidkot	Faridpur	262
10.	Ferozpur	Ferozpur	537
11.	Sangrur	Sangrur	278
12.	Kapurthala	Kapurthala	636