

(b) whether less amount is deposited by the telephone subscribers in the country as compared to those in other developing countries; and

(c) the total average expenditure to be incurred on a telephone connection?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) The amount of initial Registration fee/deposit for new telephone connection is as follows:—

(i) *OYT Applications*

10000 lines & above	1000 lines & above but below 10000 Lines.	Below 1000 Lines
Rs. 15,000/-	Rs. 10,000/-	Rs. 8000/-

(ii) *General & Special Category Applications.*

*Metered Exchanges*

10000 Lines & above	Below 10,000
Rs. 3,000/-	Rs. 2,000/-

*Flat Rate Exchanges*

Over 100 Lines.	100 Lines & below
Rs. 1000/-	Rs. 100/-

(iii) *Tatkal Scheme*

Alongwith Application	Rs. 1000/-
After getting feasibility report for provision of telephone	Rs. 29000/-

(b) and (c) The information is being collected and the same will be placed on the Table of the House.

[English]

**Telephone Connections**

859. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE:  
SHRI KESHRI LAL:  
SHRI RAM VILAS  
PASWAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages provided with telephone connections during 1990-91, 1992-93 and 1993-94 together with the target fixed, State-wise;

(b) the percentage of telephones installed, state-wise;

(c) the average cost of installation and maintenance of a rural telephone; and

(d) whether the Government have evolved any suitable methodology to make them financially viable?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) 13733, 21752 and 12347 (up to 31-12-1993) respectively. Statewise details of number of villages provided with telephone connections during 90-91, 91-92, 92-93 and 93-94 together with the target are given in the attached *Statement*.

(b) State-wise percentage of telephones installed are shown in the at-

tached *Statement* mentioned in Part (a) above.

(c) and (d) (i) The average cost of installation of a rural telephone ranges upto Rs. 1.25 lakhs (approx.)

(ii) The average cost of maintenance of a rural telephone will depend upon terrain and its location may

range from Rs. 5000/- to Rs. 20,000/- per annum.

(iii) The public telephones in Panchayat villages are being provided with STD facility progressively wherever feasible. Such telephones are likely to become financially viable with increased usage by the villages by the end of 8th Plan period.

## STATEMENT

Circle	Total No. of villages	Achieve- ment 90-91	Target 91-92	Achieve- ment 91-92	Target for 92-93	Achieve- ment during 1992-93	Target for 93-94	Achieve- ment upto 31.12.93 during 93-94	No. of villages with telephone facility as on 31.12.1993	%age coverage of villages
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Andhra Pradesh	27221	3474	1400	1903	3050	1961	3600	633	13777	46.76
Assam	22224	74	300	342	550	555	620	305	1958	6.90
Bihar	67566	68	1000	1005	2000	1265	3020	632	7908	9.19
Gujarat	18518	536	1200	1576	3000	1755	4500	1706	7514	40.00
Haryana	6745	525	1200	1251	1200	981	1250	676	4351	62.80
Himachal Pradesh	16916	384	50	11	200	205	250	119	2134	7.40
Jammu & Kashmir	6503	39	100	125	125	126	80	33	844	9.70
Karnataka	26826	1597	450	1068	1500	1207	1500	702	6350	23.70

Kerala	1530	439	21	21	0000	0000	000	1470	60.70
Madhya Pradesh	71352	324	1800	4005	5000	3668	552	12512	17.50
Maharashtra	36167	1256	2000	2172	5000	2681	1543	11155	20.80
North East	15192	01	300	300	417	519	217	1414	7.98
Orissa	46992	289	800	1064	1000	1230	249	4652	8.53
Punjab	12188	411	1200	901	2000	2126	2414	6470	53.00
Rajasthan	33305	246	1100	1287	1800	1811	608	6346	18.48
Tamil Nadu	15735	3985	1450	1160	2000	2157	423	10423	66.20
Uttar Pradesh	112568	25	5000	2725	6858	7037	1380	16420	13.19
West Bengal	38679	40	600	600	800	579	155	2781	5.93
Delhi - M. T. N. L.	243	00	125	136	09	09		191	78.60
<b>Total:</b>	<b>576490</b>	<b>13733</b>	<b>10000</b>	<b>21752</b>	<b>36509</b>	<b>30072</b>	<b>12347</b>	<b>118670</b>	<b>19.18</b>

\* The policy for providing Telephone facility to Panchayat villages was adopted in Jan 1991. Therefore, no targets were assigned during the year 1990-91.