

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

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TELECOM FACILITIES
SAVSHIBHAI MAKWANA

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of villages having telephone facility in Gujarat as on date;
- (b) the number of rural Telephone exchanges in the State as on date;
- (c) the present situation of waiting list of telephone connections in rural areas of the State; and
- (d) the time by which the waiting list is likely to be cleared?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

- (a) 13,923 villages in Gujarat have been provided with telecom facility as on 30.9.2000.
- (b) The number of Rural Telephone exchanges in the State as on 30.9.2000 is 1,756.
- (c) The waiting list of telephone connections in rural areas of the State as on 30.9.2000 is 16,743.
- (d) The waiting list is likely to be cleared progressively by opening new exchanges in rural areas by March, 2002.