

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

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THEFT OF TELEPHONE WIRES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether theft of telephone wires is taking place in Delhi and other parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the number of such cases noticed during the last six months, State-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to check such theft?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Number of theft cases during the last six months are as follows:-

Name of circle/state Number of cases Name of circle/state Number of cases

1. Andaman & Nicobar	NIL	17. Manipur	NIL
2. Andhra Pradesh	25	18. Meghalaya	11
3. Arunachal Pradesh	NIL	19. Mizoram	NIL
4. Assam	5	20. Nagaland	11
5. Bihar	NIL	21. Orissa	32
6. Chattisgarh	11	22. Pondichery	NIL
7. Goa	NIL	23. Punjab	16
8. Gujarat	22	24. Rajasthan	138
9. Haryana	73	25. Sikkim	NIL
10. Himachal Pradesh	20	26. Tamilnadu	39
11. Jammu & Kashmir	NIL	27. Tripura	14
12. Jharkhand	NIL	28. Uttar Pradesh	20
13. Karnataka	19	29. Uttaranchal	NIL
14. Kerala	NIL	30. West Bengal	55
15. Madhya Pradesh	15	31. Chennai	NIL
16. Maharashtra	10	32. Delhi	64

(c) The following steps have been taken by the Government as remedial measures:-

- In every case of theft FIRs have been lodged with the Police
- Regular review meeting are being held with Police authorities.
- Night patrolling of sensitive cable routes has been intensified.
- In vulnerable locations, concreting, protection by GI pipes etc. are being undertaken.