

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS  
LOK SABHA**

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TELECOM FACILITIES IN GUJARAT  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government propose to expand the capacity of existing telephone exchanges and provide modern communication facility in Gujarat particularly in Bharuch region during 2001-2002
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of exchanges expanded and modern communication facilities provided in the State and the said region during the last three years; and
- (d) the number of officers found involved in corrupt practices in telecom and postal services in the state during the last year and the action taken by the government against them?

**Answer**

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During 2001-2002 it is planned to provide 650000 direct Exchange lines (DELs) in Gujarat, out of that 140000 lines will be Cellular Telephones. In respect of Bharuch region it is planned to provide 24200 Direct Exchange lines, out of that 5200 lines will be Cellular Telephones.

(c) The details of development works of Gujarat and Bharuch region during last three years are as under:

**Gujarat**

Year   Net Direct Exchange lines provided   New telephone Exchanges Opened

1998-1999	255388	72
1999-2000	374022	122
2000-2001	476841	456

**Bharuch**

1998-1999	10006	2
1999-2000	11269	5
2000-2001	16098	30

(d) No officer was found involved in corrupt practices in Telecom and postal services in the state during the last year.