

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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TELECOM FACILITY  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government have undertaken any work to increase the capacity of the existing telephone exchanges and provide modern communication facilities in Mandavi and Betia regions of Gujarat and Bihar respectively during 1999-2000;
- (b) if so, the progress made so far in this regard; and
- (c) the number of telecommunications and postal employees found involved in corruption cases in these regions during the said period and the action taken by the Government thereon?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATION

(SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) - Yes sir,

(b) - Following progress has been made:-

Mandavi Region (Kutch, Gujarat) -

- 5 exchanges of 128 port expanded to 256 port.
- 2 satellite exchanges opened.
- 1 exchange of 200 lines replaced with 512 port exchange.
- 1 exchange expanded from 424 line to 1000 lines.
- Optical Fibre Connectivity provided to 5 exchanges.

Mandavi Region (Surat, Gujarat) -

- Optical Fibre Connectivity available to all exchanges.
- 2000 lines exchange planned for 2000-2001.

Betia Region (Bihar) -

- Betia exchange expanded by 2000 lines
- Bagha exchange expanded by 1400 lines.
- Narkajtiaganj exchange expanded by 400 lines
- Valmikinagar exchange expanded by 72 lines.

(c) No Telecom and Postal employee of Mandavi and Betia regions of Gujarat and Bihar respectively were found involved in corruption cases during 1999-2000.