

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3490  
ANSWERED ON:17.04.2000  
WAITING LIST FOR TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS IN TAMIL NADU  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of persons on the waiting list for telephone connections in Tiruchendur and Rasipuram regions in Tamil Nadu ;
- (b) the number of telephone connections proposed to be provided in the said regions during 2000-2001 and the next financial year, separately ;
- (c) whether the Government propose to set up electronic telephone exchanges in these regions to clear the waiting list ;
- (d) if so, the details thereof ; and
- (e) if not, the steps taken by the Government to clear the waiting list in the said regions ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) to (e) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PARAS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3490 FOR 17th APR REGARDING WAITING LIST FOR TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS IN TAMIL NADU

a) The number of persons on the waiting list for telephone connections in Tiruchendur is 3097 and Rasipuram region is 4288 in Tamil Nadu as on 31.3.2000.

b) The number of telephone connections proposed to be provided in the said regions during 2000-2001 and next financial year separately are as follows:

Name of the region

Telephone connections likely to be provided during the year

2000-2001	2001-2002
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Tiruchendur	4000	Enough telephones will be provided so that telephones are available on demand by March, 2002
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Rasipuram	3000	-do-
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c), d) & e) Yes, sir. 12 electronic exchanges will be commissioned/expanded in Tiruchendur and 10 electronic exchanges in Rasipuram region during the year 2000-2001 and step will be taken to make telephone available on demand during the next financial year.