

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3510  
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WAITING LIST FOR TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS  
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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 Himachal Pradesh especially in Simla , in big cities of Jammu and Kashmir and in the each taluka of Chikkaballapur region as on March 31, 2000 ; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to clear the waiting lists ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) & (b) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3510 17TH APRIL, 2000 REGARDING WAITING LIST FOR TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS

(a) The number of persons on the waiting list for telephone connections as on 31-3-2000 are indicated as below:

W/L as on 31-3-2000

Himachal Pradesh	23905
Shimla	Nil

In big cities of Jammu & Kashmir

Jammu	12226	
Srinagar		14411

Chikkaballapur Region (Karnataka )

Chikkaballapur (Taluk)	579	
Gudibanda (Taluk)	252	
Bagepalli (Taluk)	377	
Gowribidanur (Taluk)		1476
Sidlaghatta (Taluk)	722	

(b) The existing waiting list as indicated against (a) above is likely to be cleared progressively during the current financial year by expansion of the capacities of the existing exchanges and also by installation of new exchanges at the places of demand.