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TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS IN JHARKHAND
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the district-wise number of telephone connections allotted in Jharkhand during the last two years and as on date;
- (b) the number of telephone connections lying out of order in the State at present;
- (c) whether rural telephone system has collapsed in various districts of the State;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI MAHAJAN)

- (a) the district-wise number of telephone connections allotted in Jharkhand during the last two years are given in the Annexure.
- (b) At present, 2166 numbers of telephone connections are lying out of order in the state.
- (c) & (d) No, Sir. However, sometimes telecom services are adversely affected in the rural areas due to non availability of power.
- (e) Following steps are being taken to improve the quality of telecom services in rural areas:
 1. Progressively, MARR(Multi Access Rural Radio)VPTs (Village Public Telephones) are being replaced by the WLL(Wireless in Local Loop) VPTs.
 2. Adequate alternative source of power like generators and stand by batteries have been provided.
 3. All the rural exchanges are being connected by reliable and high bandwidth Optical Fiber transmission system.
 4. New services like WLL phone, Cellular Mobile Phone and Internet are being provided in the rural areas.

ANNEXURE

District wise telephone connections allotted (opened) during last two years, and Status of telephones as on 31-03-2003 in the Jharkhand Telecom Circle.

Name of District Telephone Connections allotted (opened) Status as on 31-03-2003

2001-2002 2002-2003

Dhanbad	8653	8747	57002
Bokaro	8064	6031	42885
West Singhbhum	1853	1466	15386
East Singhbhum	8597	5670	79732
Saraikeela	2947	1762	11662
Hazaribagh	5598	2355	33217
Giridih	5695	2395	11005
Chatra	203	85	2547
Koderma	1765	743	6780
Dumka	731	1157	7259
Deoghar	4171	999	12139

Godda	1208	942	4898
Sahibganj	992	744	5816
Pakur	403	698	3985
Jamtara	607	497	2564
Latehar	550	347	2658
Garhwa	1134	591	4138
Palamu	3001	1427	13388
Ranchi	11449	9036	89365
Gumla	508	575	3169
Lohardaga	340	400	3817
Simdega	193	86	1770