

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:430  
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TELEPHONE FACILITY  
MD ANWARUL HAQUE

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

- (a) whether the Government propose to connect Seohar, Sitamarhi and East Champaran districts consisting 18 Blocks in Bihar with district headquarters and the village blocks;
- (b) if so, the details therefor ;
- (c) whether telephone in Seohar district remain out of order ;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefore and the action taken by the Government to make them proper functional ; and
- (e) the time by which the Village Public Telephone (VPT) facility is likely to be provided in the villages of said districts ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Out of 49 Block Headquarters (BHQ) in Seohar, Sitamarhi & East Champaran districts 42 BHQs have so far been provided connectivity with District Headquarters as per details given below:

District Total No. of Blocks No. of BHQs having Direct  
Connectivity with District  
Headquarters.

Seohar	04	02	
Sitamarhi	18	16	
East Champaran	27		24

(c) & (d) Sir, the telephones in Seohar District are working satisfactorily, However, as and when the faults occur they are attended to promptly.

(e) Village Public Telephone (VPT) facility in all the villages of these Districts is likely to be provided by March, 2002 subject to availability of resources.