

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TELEPHONE CONNECTION TO VILLAGE PANCHAYATS IN WEST BENGAL
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the target for providing telephone connection in every village Panchayat of West Bengal could not be achieved during the year 2002-2003;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the names of villages where the telephone connections will be provided during 2003-2004 and 2004-2005, district-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(SHRI . PRADHAN)

(a) to (c): All the 3463 village Panchayats in West Bengal including the State of Sikkim have already been provided with telecom facilities.