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TELEPHONE EXCHANGES IN PUNJAB  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) the target fixed for opening of new Telephone exchanges in Punjab during the current financial year, district-wise;
- (b) the number out of them which has become operational so far, district-wise; and
- (c) the total amount earmarked for the purpose and the amount released so far?

**Answer**

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

(a) BSNL has planned to open 21 new telephone exchanges in Punjab Telecom Circle during the current financial year 2003-04. The district-wise details are given in the Annexure.

(b) 3 new telephone exchanges have become operational so far as per the District-wise details given below:

District	New Telephone Exchanges Opened
Ludhiana	2
Ropar	1
Total	3

(c) Total amount earmarked is approx. Rs. 41.02 crore. Total amount released so far approx. Rs 2.54 crore.

ANNEXURE

NEW TELEPHONE EXCHANGES PLANNED TO BE OPENED IN PUNJAB TELECOM CIRCLE DURING 2003-2004

District No. of new telephone exchanges

Amritser	1
Faridkot	1
Ferozepur	1
Gurdaspur	3
Ludhiana	4
Patiala	1
Ropar	4
Panchkula	3
Chandigarh	3
Total:	21