

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
LOK SABHA**

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PENDING LIST OF TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS IN BIHAR  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) the steps being taken by the Government to clear the waiting list of telephone connections in Bihar particularly in rural areas;
- (b) whether there are lakhs of applicants waiting for telephone connections in Bihar due to the lack of telephone cables;
- (c) if so, whether the Government propose to supply cable to the rural areas at the earliest; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) The total waiting list in Bihar Telecom circle as on 31.3.2003 is 101154, out of which 80087 is in rural area. BSNL has planned to provide 93000 lines switching Capacity and 80000 lines Direct Exchange Line for rural area during 2003-04. This will clear the waiting list as on March, 2003 subject to availability of resources.

(b) to (d): No, Sir. However the telephone cables detail for Bihar Telecom circle in Lakh Conductor Kilo Meter (LCKM) is as under:-

1. Cable available as on 1.4.2003      1.82800 LCKM
2. Cable in Pipe line      2.96800 LCKM
3. Cable likely to be allotted during      10.85294 LCKM  
2003-2004.