

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TELEDENSITY
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the teledensity in rural and urban areas in 1991-92 and 1999-2000, State-wise;
- (b) whether teledensity in some States has been low;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, State-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken to increase teledensity in rural areas especially in Hilly and Tribal areas?

Answer

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

(a) The overall tele density for the year 1991-92, state-wise and the rural-urban tele density for the year 1999-2000 state- wise are given in Annexure-`A` and `B` respectively. The break up of data for the 1991-92 is not available because of the absence of Rural-Urban classification of the telephone connections during that period.

(b) & (c): Yes, Sir. Teledensity in some states like Assam, Bihar, J&K, Madhya Pradesh, North East, Orissa, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal are lower as compared to national average of tele-density. However, it may be worth mentioning that the tele-density is dependent upon demand for telephones in the state and is different in different states due to the following reasons: -

1. Economic condition of the state i.e. per capita income.
2. Literacy rate.
3. Business and commercial interest

(d) The steps taken to increase the tele-density in rural areas especially in Hilly and Tribal areas are as given below:-

1. Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) system inducted into rural network
2. To create more capacity in exchanges so as to provide telephone connections on demand.

ANNEXURE - A

STATE-WISE TELE-DENSITY AS ON 31.3.1992

Name of the Circles Overall Teledensity

Andhra pradesh	0.56
Assam	0.21
Bihar	0.15
Gujarat	1.17
Haryana	0.77
Himachal Pradesh	0.77
Jammu & Kashmir	0.40
Karnataka	0.82
Kerala	1.04
Madhya Pradesh	0.41

Maharashtra	1.50
North East	0.35
Orissa	0.25
Punjab	1.10
Rajasthan	0.41
Tamil Nadu	0.87
Uttar Pradesh	0.27
West Bengal	0.49
Delhi	6.19
All India	0.67

Note: West Bengal includes state of Sikkim and Union Territory A & N
Kerala includes Lakhshdeep,
North East includes Manipur, Tripura, Nagaland, Mizoram, Meghalaya and Arunachal Pradesh
Tamil Nadu includes Pondicherry.
Maharashtra includes Goa
Gujarat includes Daman & Diu & Dadar Nagar Haveli.

ANNEXURE - B

STATE-WISE URBAN & RURAL TELE-DENSITY AS ON 31.3.2000

Name of the Circles	Urban Teledensity	Rural Teledensity	
Andaman & Nicobar	11.65		4.71
Andhra Pradesh		9.05	0.98
Assam		6.99	0.20
Bihar		3.62	0.13
Gujarat		9.22	1.09
Haryana		8.76	0.95
Himachal Pradesh		21.93	3.00
Jammu & Kashmir		4.96	0.10
Karnataka		8.61	1.28
Kerala		11.08	3.90
Madhya Pradesh		5.02	0.37
Maharashtra		8.00	0.97
North East		6.14	0.44
Orissa		5.95	0.36
Punjab		12.15	1.91
Rajasthan		6.71	0.60
Tamil Nadu		9.70	0.51
Uttar Pradesh		5.52	0.20
West Bengal		6.61	0.34
Delhi		15.40	0.00
Total		7.98	0.66

Note: West Bengal includes state of Sikkim and Union Territory A & N
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