

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

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WAITING LIST FOR TELEPHONE CONNECTION
RAM SHAKAL

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the waiting list for telephone connections is unexpectedly very long in the country;
- (b) if so, the names of the States wherein such list is comparatively longer than other States;
- (c) the State-wise and union territory-wise number of applicants in the waiting list for new telephone connections in the country particularly in U.P till July, 2003;
- (d) whether the Government have formulated any scheme for speedy allotment of telephone connection in the country ; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b)&(c) The state-wise and union territory wise number of applicants in the waiting list for new telephone connections in the country including U.P. as on 31-07-2003 is given in the Annexure. The States where the waiting list is comparatively higher (more than one lakh) are Bihar, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Punjab, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

(d)&(e) The waiting list is mainly in far flung and rural areas. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited has planned to deploy Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) system in each SDCA to meet the scattered demand. Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited has initiated use of Wireless Technology in the customer access network like WLL, Corpect, PAS (Personal Access System), opening of more number of exchanges and laying of underground cables in technically non-feasible areas.

ANNEXURE

STATE/UNION TERRITORY WISE WAITING LIST AS ON 31-07-2003

Sl No	Name of State/ Union territory	Waiting list as on 31-07-03 (Tentative)
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1.	Andhra Pradesh	59,719
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	1,692
3.	Assam	16,151
4.	Bihar	1,18,417
5.	Chhattisgarh	4,214
6.	Goa	4,748
7	Gujarat	70,244
8.	Haryana	96,472
9.	Himachal Pradesh	45,457
10	Jammu & Kashmir	43,082

11	Jharkhand	10,453
12	Karnataka	1,03,546
13	Kerala	4,67,601
14	Madhya Pradesh	14,676
15	Maharashtra	1,92,314
16	Manipur	4,213
17	Meghalaya	1,563
18	Mizoram	768
19	Nagaland	591
20	Orissa	10,707
21	Punjab	1,06,961
22	Rajasthan	1,41,466
23	Sikkim	185
24	Tamilnadu	59,360
25	Tripura	5,769
26	Uttar Pradesh	1,77,179
27	Uttaranchal	8,663
28	West Bengal	1,52,443
29	A & Nicobar	189
30	Chandigarh	312
31	D & N Haveli	309
32	Daman	42
33	Diu	44
34	Lakshadweep	62
35	Pondichery	2,014
36	Delhi	0

Total: 19,21,626