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TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS ON DEMAND
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether telephone connections are being provided on demand in Bihar;
- (b) if so, the areas where telephone connections are being provided on demand;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the exchange-wise details of steps taken/proposed to be taken to increase the capacity of telephone exchanges so that telephone connections are provided on demand?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Telephone connections are being provided on demand in Bihar in a few telephone exchanges. The details of which are given in the Annexure.

(c) Waiting list is continuing due to non feasibility of land line connections mainly in far flung rural areas. Further, many applicants in these places are not willing to take connections on Wireless in Local Loop (WLL).

(d) There is a plan to increase wired line switching capacity by 1,30,000 lines and WLL capacity by 73,000 lines during 2003-04. In addition, the capacity of urban WLL in Patna is also being increased by 10,000 Lines.

ANNEXURE

LIST OF EXCHANGES WHERE TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS ARE PROVIDED ON DEMAND

SL. No.	Name of SSAs where connections are on demand	Telephone exchanges	Capacity
1	Patna	(1) Govind Mitra Road	4000
	(2)	Gulzarbag 3000	
	(3)	Rajiv Nagar 2000	
	(4)	S.K. Puri 2000	
	(5)	Rajgir 1000	
2	Munger	(1) Chewara	304
	(2)	Bamda 152	
	(3)	Malda 152	
	(4)	Ghuskhuri 152	
3	Kishanganj	(1) Kishanganj	5000
	(2)	Kishanganj (RSU) 1500	
	(3)	Thakurganj 1000	
	(4)	Belwa 336	
	(5)	Dighal Bank 336	
	(6)	Janta Hat 320	
	(7)	Tulsia 336	
	(8)	Chattargach 152	
	(9)	Kothia 320	
	(10)	Kadogaon 152	
4	Gaya	(1) ANMCH (RSU)	2000