

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

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TELEPHONE FACILITIES TO GRAM PANCHAYATS  
RAJO SINGH

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

- (a) whether telephone facilities have been provided to all Gram Panchayats in Bihar;
- (b) if so, the number of the Gram Panchayats which had been provided telephone facilities during the Ninth Five Year Plan;
- (c) the number of Gram Panchayats to which telephone facilities are proposed to be provided during the Tenth Five Year Plan; and
- (d) the time by which telephone facilities are likely to be provided to all Gram Panchayats in the States?

**Answer**

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

- (a) Yes, Sir. All the Gram Panchayats in Bihar have already been provided with telephone facilities.
- (b) 5463 Gram Panchayats in Bihar were provided with telephone facilities during Ninth Five Year Plan.
- (c) 587 Gram Panchayats were planned to be provided with telephone facilities during 10th Five Year Plan and have been provided during 2002-03.
- (d) Does not arise in view of (a) above.