GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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VPT BY PRIVATE COMPANIES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether private sector companies have not been able to install the village public telephones as per their commitments within the stipulated period in the rural areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the names of the companies which have installed the village public telephones during the extended period, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a) Yes Sir.

(b)&(c) The details are enclosed as Annexure. The Private Sector companies did not expand in rural areas.

VPT SATUS OF PRIVATE BASIC SERVICE OPERATORS

VPTs	Bharti Telenet Ltd. Madhya Pradesh	Tata Teleservices Andhra Pradesh	Tata Teleservices (Maharashtra) Ltd.	Telecom Gujarat	Reliance Telelink. Rajasthan	Shayam Infotel. Punjab	HFCL	Total
Month of commencement of service	June 1998	March 1999	Octber, 98	May 2000	June 2000	September 2000		
No. of uncovered villages as on 15.8.2000	19168	6096	11091	6911 (4202)@	17338	NIL		60604
No. of VPTs Commited in first 3 years from effective date #	16500	9635	25760	8635	31834	5442###		97806
Comulative No. of VPTs provided by ##	31.3.2001	348	5	NIL	169	NIL	NIL	522
	31.122002	348	1314	1140	2894	693	734	7123
	31.10.2003	611	1408	2643	4114	3010	879	12665

These commitments were to be met by 30.9.1998 in case of AP, Gujarat, Punjab and by 30.9.99 in case of Maharashtra. For MP and Rajasthan the same were to be completed by 30.9.2000 and 4.3.2001 respectively.

Figures are as reported by the licensees.

As all villages have ben covered in Punjab by BSNL, the faulty MARRs are replaced by the private licensees.

@ In Gujarat 4202 are the villages which do not have a telecom facillity.

2709 villages have phones but not a public phone.