

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

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VILLAGES WITHOUT PHONES  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a number of villages in Gujarat are still without telephones till date;
- (b) if so, the number of such villages district-wise;
- (c) whether the Union Government have chalked out any plans to cover all the villages in the State with Public Telephones; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a)&(b) Yes Sir, 92 villages in the State are remaining to be covered with Village Public Telephones.
- (c) Yes , Sir.
- (d) BSNL has already completed its share of planned VPT`s. Out of its share of 4206 Village Public Telephone (VPT`s), 4114 Village Public Telephone (VPTs) have already been provided by M/s Reliance Infocom. Remaining 92 villages will be covered using Universal Service Obligation (USO) funds during 2004-2005.