

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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OPTICAL FIBRE CABLES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the criteria laid down by the Government to provide optical fibre cables to telephone exchanges;
- (b) the names of telephone exchanges having 1000 lines or more than 1000 lines without optical fibre cables at Pune and Khed districts of Maharashtra and Hamirpur district of Himachal Pradesh;
- (c) whether the Government are aware of the problems faced by the subscribers of those telephone exchanges particularly Tal (Hamirpur) Telephone Exchange regarding availability of lines for out going calls to other exchanges and incoming calls from other exchanges including STD/ISD calls;
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to provide optical fibre cables at these telephone exchanges which have 1000 lines particularly at Tal (Hamirpur) and Pune telephone exchange; and
- (e) the time by which the optical fibre cables are likely to be provided?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) It is planned to provide reliable media for all telephone exdchanges progressively by March 2002. The media is chosen keeping in view the capacity of exchanges and technoeconomic feasibility. Optical Fibre is mainly provided for plain areas.

(b) All the exchanges of 1000 lines and more than 1000 lines at Pune and Khed districts of Maharashtra have Optical Fibre connectivity.

The list of such exchanges without Optical Fibre connectivity in Hamirpur district of Himachal Pradesh is as follows:

S. No.	Station
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| 1. | Tal |
| 2. | Barsar |
| 3. | Bhoranj |
| 4. | Galore |

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) & (e) At present Tal exchange is connected to Bhota with junction cable with 18 circuits and Bhota exchange is further connected to Hamirpur on optical fibre media. During the year 2000-2001, Tal exchange is planned to be connected to Hamirpur on microwave system, subject to timely availability of equipment. Galore, Barsar and Bhoranj are already connected on microwave media. As such there is no plan to connect these exchanges on optical fibre cable.