

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS IN BARAMULA  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the number of applicants waiting for telephone connections in the various telephone exchanges under the Baramula region of Jammu and Kashmir is very large;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, exchange-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to clear the waiting list immediately and expand the telephone exchanges in the region?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

- (a) The total waiting list in various telephone exchanges under Baramula region of Jammu and Kashmir as on 30.6.2000 was 4145.
- (b) Exchange wise details of the waiting list are given below:

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|-----------|------|
| Baramula  | 1092 |
| Bandipore | 202  |
| Fetehgarh | 132  |
| Gadkhud   | 126  |
| Gulmarg   | 10   |
| Gurez     | 60   |
| Singhpore | 142  |
| Pattan    | 142  |
| Wagoora   | 170  |
| Watrigam  | 182  |
| Sopore    | 1635 |
| Goshbugh  | 130  |
| Uri       | 38   |
| Sumbal    | 84   |

- (c) It is proposed to clear most of the existing waiting list by 31.3.2001. For this, steps are being taken to open new Exchanges/expand existing exchanges and also to provide necessary external plant network