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TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS IN MADHYA PRADESH AND BIHAR

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

- (a) the availability of telephones per one lakh population during the period of 2000-2003 State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has not included Madhya Pradesh and Bihar in the priority list in order to improve the situation in these States;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken to remedy the situation?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SRI YASHOK PRADHAN)

(a) The availability of telephones per one lakh population during the period of 2000-2003 State-wise is placed at annexure.

(b) to (d): Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has planned to provide 2.5 lakhs Telephone lines for Bihar and 1.76 lakhs Telephone lines for Madhya Pradesh during the year 2003-04 to clear the waiting list. Efforts are made on continuous basis to generate demand by holding open house sessions/Telecom exhibitions/Melas for creating telecom awareness among the masses.

Annexure

S.No. State/Circle Availability of Telephones per one lakh population

99-2000 2000-01 2001-02 2002-2003

1	Andaman & Nicobar	6975	7634	9050	9598
2	Andhra Pradesh	3165	4067	4926	5661
3	Assam	1064	1333	1669	1945
4	Bihar	601	936	1084	1355
5	Chattisgarh	#	#	1221	1394
6	Gujarat	4121	5370	6378	7771
7	Haryana	3214	4247	5068	6211
8	Himachal Pradesh	4851	5309	7412	8504
9	Jammu & Kashmir	1312	1723	2158	2483
10	Jharkhand	#	#	1394	1572
11	Karnataka	3771	4695	5575	6670
12	Kerala	5769	7509	9506	11327
13	Madhya Pradesh	1537	1806	2493	3045
14	Maharashtra	5180	6598	7685	9154
15	North East	1680	1924	2416	2701
16	Orissa	1197	1521	1855	2288
17	Punjab	5592	6950	9108	11762
18	Rajasthan	2032	2571	3000	3474
19	Tamilnadu	4573	5912	6846	7950
20	Uttar Pradesh	1321	1655	1864	2167
21	Uttarakhand	#	#	3624	3946
22	West Bengal	2093	2669	3188	3757
23	Delhi	15401	17705	22086	27381

All India 2822 3584 4286 5109

Note : West Bengal includes state of Sikkim
Kerala includes Lakhshdeep
North East includes Mainpur, Tripura, Nagaland,
Mizoram, Maghalaya and Arunachal Pradesh.

Tamilnadu includes Pondicherry.
Maharashtra includes Goa
Gujarat includes Daman & Diu & Dadar Nagar Haveli.
Madhya Pradesh includes Chhattisgarh, U.P. Includes Uttranchal

Bihar includes Jharkhand. These states were formed in March '02