

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1265
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REPLACEMENT OF MARR SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the performance of telephones provided under MARR system in rural areas of Tamil Nadu and Madhya Pradesh is unsatisfactory and the fault rate is very high ;
- (b) if so, whether the Government propose to replace some MARR system based telephones by wireless in local loop (WLL) system in the said States ;
- (c) if so, the details thereof separately, district-wise ;
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard ; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefore ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

- (a) The average fault rate of Tamil Nadu and Madhya Pradesh is 8.6% and 25% respectively, in comparison to national fault rate of 16%.
- (b),(c) & (d) : Yes, Sir. The Government is taking steps to replace irreparable faulty MARRVPTs with WLL technology. The Government is planning to replace all the faulty and irreparable VPTs based on MARR technology by March,2002.
- (e) Not applicable.