

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2277
ANSWERED ON:07.08.2000
INDIAN TELEPHONE CARD
PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL;THAAWAR CHAND GEHLOT

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the date from which Virtual Credit Card (VCC) and Indian Telephone Card (ITC) was introduced by the Department of Telecommunications along with the details thereof;
- (b) the names of the cities where the service has already been introduced, State-wise;
- (c) whether this service is likely to be introduced in all the cities of the country during the year 2000-2001;
- (d) if so, the details and criteria to be adopted thereof;
- (e) whether the Government are fixing any target to provide this facility in the rural areas also;
- (f) if so, the details thereof;
- (g) whether the Department propose to open the sale of these cards through duly authorised agents; and
- (h) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

- (a) Virtual Card Calling (VCC) also known as India Telephone Card (ITC) was introduced by the then Department of Telecommunications during November, 1998.
- (b) The names of the cities, State-wise, where this service has already been introduced are given in Annexure-I.
- (c)&(d) Government is trying to provide this service in other cities where there is a demand, by March 2001, subject to technical feasibility.
- (e)&(f) This Service may be provided in Rural Areas also falling within a radial distance of 50 Kms. from Service Switching Point location i.e. up to the area where calls are charged on local call basis, subject to technical feasibility. No separate target has been fixed in this regard.
- (g) There is no such proposal at present.
- (h) Does not arise in view of (g) above.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PART (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No.2277 FOR 7TH AUGUST, REGARDING INDIA TELEPHONE CARD.

ANNEXURE-I

STATIONS HAVING ITC (VCC) SERVICES AS ON 30-06-2000

Sl.No. NAME OF State OPERATIONAL STATIONS Sl.No. NAME OF State OPERATIONAL STATIONS

1 A.P HYDERABAD 42 TRIPURA AGARTALA
2 VIJAYAWADA 43 MIZORAM AIZAWL
3 ASSAM GUWAHATI 44 MANIPUR IMPHAL
4 BIHAR DARBHANGA 45 ARUNACHAL PRA. ITANAGAR
5 PATNA 46 NAGALAND KOHIMA
6 GUJARAT AHMEDABAD 47 MEGHALAYA SHILLONG
7 RAJKOT 48 ORISSA BHUBANESHWAR
8 SURAT 49 CUTTACK
9 HARYANA AMBALA 50 CHANDIGARH CHANDIGARH
10 FARIDABAD 51 PUNJAB JALANDHAR

11 GURGAON 52 PATIALA
12 HISAR 53 RAJASTHAN JAIPUR
13 ROHTAK 54 TAMILNADU CHENNAI
14 H.P. SHIMLA 55 COIMBATORE
15 SOLAN 56 PONDICHERRY PONDICHERRY
16 J&K JAMMU 57 U.P. (E) KANPUR
17 SRINAGAR 58 LUCKNOW
18 KARNATAKA BANGALORE 59 U.P. (W) AGRA
19 KERALA CALICUT 60 BAREILLY
20 ERNAKULAM 61 HAPUR
21 QUILON 62 MEERUT
22 TRICHUR 63 NOIDA
23 TRIVANDRUM 64 WEST BENGAL CALCUTTA
24 MAHARASTRA KALYAN 65 SILIGURI
25 MUMBAI 66 DELHI NEW DELHI
26 NAGPUR
27 NASIK
28 PUNE
29 GOA PANJIM
30 MADYA PRADESH BHOPAL
31 BILASPUR
32 CHHATARPUR
33 DEWAS
34 DHAR
35 DURG
36 GUNA
37 GWALIOR
38 INDORE
39 JABALPUR
40 RAIPUR
41 SAGAR