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CONVERSION OF TELEPHONE EXCHANGES

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

- (a) the State-wise telephone exchanges in the country;
- (b) the number of telephone exchanges which has not been converted into electronic exchanges, State-wise;
- (c) the time by when the remaining telephone exchanges are likely to be converted into electronic exchanges, State-wise;
- (d) the target fixed for conversion of telephone exchanges into electronic exchanges during the Tenth Five Year Plan; and
- (e) the quantum of funds provided by the Government for the purpose?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Sir, in Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd. (MTNL), 339 telephone exchanges are working in Delhi and 175 in Mumbai. State-wise telephone exchanges of BSNL in the country are given in the Annexure.

(b) All the telephone exchanges in BSNL and MTNL are electronic exchanges.

(c) to (e) Do not arise in view of (b) above.

Annexure

STATE-WISE DETAILS OF EXCHANGES AS ON 31.12.2004

Sl.No	Name of State	No. of Exchanges
1.	Andaman & Nicobar	52
2.	Andhra Pradesh	3330
3.	Assam	592
4.	Bihar	1447
5.	Chhatishgarh	816
6.	Gujarat	3273
7	Jharkhand	431
8.	Haryana	1116
9.	Himachal Pradesh	936
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	381
11.	Karnataka	2701
12.	Kerala	1185
13.	Madhya Pradesh	3031
14.	Maharashtra	4939
15.	Meghalaya	99
16.	Mizoram	76
17.	Tripura	94
18.	Arunachal Pradesh	101
19.	Nagaland	55
20.	Manipur	53
21.	Orissa	1287
22.	Punjab (including Chandigarh)	1535
23.	Rajasthan	2344
24.	Tamilnadu	2325
25.	Uttar Pradesh	3351
26.	Uttranchal	489
27.	West Bengal	1867
28.	Diu	3
29.	Daman	5
30.	Dadar Naqar Haveli	7

31.	Pondichery		30
32.	Lakshadweep		11
Total		37962	