

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the State-wise number of village public telephones provided during each of the last two years;
- (b) the target fixed in this regard during the year 2005;
- (c) the district-wise number of VPTs provided in Chhattisgarh during each of the last two years; and
- (d) the assistance being provided by the Government to the private companies which have come forward for installing village public telephones in the country?

Answer

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

- (a) The circle wise number of Village Public Telephones provided during each of the last two years is given in Annexure-I.
- (b) Village Public Telephone target for the year 2004-05 was fixed at 5980 for BSNL.
- (c) The district wise number of VPTs provided in Chhattisgarh during each of the last two years is given in Annexure-II.
- (d) Agreements have been signed with the six private Service Providers for providing subsidy towards Operation and Maintenance of 9185 VPTs installed by them. So far a sum of Rs. 8.32 crores has been disbursed to these Service Providers from the Universal Service Obligation Fund.

ANNEXURE-I

CIRCLE-WISE NUMBER OF VILLAGE PUBLIC TELEPHONES PROVIDED BY BSNL DURING THE LAST TWO YEARS

SL. NO	NAME OF CIRCLE	2002-03	2003-04
1	ANDAMAN & NICOBAR	1	0
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	0	0
3	ASSAM	1,007	1,354
4	BIHAR	9,061	0
5	JHARKHAND	9,197	634
6	GUJARAT	0	0
7	HARYANA	0	0
8	HIMACHAL PRADESH	205	2
9	JAMMU & KASHMIR	177	537
10	KARNATAKA	6	0
11	KERALA	0	0
12	MADHYA PRADESH	0	4
13	CHHATTISGARH	248	0
14	MAHARASHTRA	0	0
15	NORTH EAST-I	389	847
16	NORTH EAST-II	135	907
17	ORISSA	5,078	318
18	PUNJAB	0	0
19	RAJASTHAN	0	0
20	TAMIL NADU	0	0
21	UTTAR PRADESH (E)	6,651	35
22	UTTAR PRADESH (W)	0	0
23	UTTARANCHAL	1,627	99
24	WEST BENGAL	3,147	0
25	CALCUTTA	0	0
26	DELHI	0	0
TOTAL		36,929	4,737

ANNEXURE-II

DISTRICT-WISE VPTs PROVIDED BY BSNL IN CHHATTISGARH DURING THE LAST TWO YEARS

SL.NO.	NAME OF THE DISTRICT	2003-03	2003-04
1	BASTAR	0	0
2	DANTEWADA	0	0
3	KANKER	0	0
4	BILASPUR	86	0
5	KORBA	12	0
6	CHAMPA	25	0
7	DURG	0	0
8	KAWARDHA	0	0
9	RAJNANDGAON	0	0
10	RAIGARH	0	0
11	JASHPURNAGAR	0	0
12	RAIPUR	78	0
13	MAHASAMUND	34	0
14	DHANTARI	13	0
15	SARGUJA	0	0
16	KORIA	0	0
TOTAL		248	0