

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
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INCREASE IN TELEPHONE LINES

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to increase capacity of telephone lines in various parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the details of telephone lines increasing per month;
- (c) the value of equipments required for such increase in the next three years; and
- (d) the source of funding to meet such requirement?

**Answer**

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

(a) The creation of capacity of telephone lines is decided by the concerned telecom operators in their respective areas.

(b) During April, 2004 – February, 2005, the per month addition in phones by both public and private sector operators was 18.73 lakh. The month wise details of the phones provided are given below;

April 2004	1392524	October 2004	1762939
May 2004	1434785	November 2004	1940088
June 2004	1650147	December 2004	2332632
July 2004	1934248	January 2005	2132136

August 2004	1884272	February 2005	2116209
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(c) & (d) The value of the required equipment would depend on the prevailing market price and hence it will be premature to assess the value at this stage. However, the funding is done by the operators mainly through internal resource generation and extra budgetary resources.