

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS IN THE COUNTRY
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of telephone connections sanctioned and released during the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) the position of waiting list during this period, State-wise; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to clear the waiting list at the earliest?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) The details of telephone connections provided and waiting list State-wise for the last three years are given in Annexures-I & II.
- (c) Since most of the waiting list is in rural areas, following steps have been taken to expedite the telephone connections in such areas:

- (i) Large scale deployment of WLL network in rural areas has been planned.
- (ii) Relaxation of the outdoor cable from 2.5 kms to 5.0 kms for Landline Exchanges has been given.
- (iii) Mobile network in all the highways, important towns, pilgrim centers and State Highways are deployed to give coverage to more areas.
- (iv) Further, financial support is provided to the telecom operators through the mechanism of Universal Service Obligation Fund (USO Fund) to encourage them, inter-alia, to provide phones in rural areas.

In addition to the efforts made by BSNL, the demand for telephones is also met by the private operators.

ANNEXURE-I

STATE-WISE DETAILS OF TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS PROVIDED DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS

ANNEXURE-I

STATE-WISE DETAILS OF TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS PROVIDED DURING
THE LAST THREE YEARS

Sl No	Name of Circle	Telephone connection provided during		
		2002-03	2003-04	2004-05 (Provisional)
1	Andaman & Nicobar	2863	2309	5026
2	Andhra Pradesh	625758	1784690	1321207
3	Assam	84470	62659	183993
4	Bihar	261275	409790	482159
5	Chhattisgarh	41757	25214	17565
6	Gujarat	813715	1370435	1327903
7	Haryana	282826	528255	498375
8	Himachal Pradesh	76636	113072	171296
9	Jammu & Kashmir	41266	64673	213798
10	Jharkhand	58764	30622	78889
11	Karnataka	648000	1603569	1530677
12	Kerala	621571	1194523	1308311

13	Madhya Pradesh	384835	686309	685962
14	Maharashtra	939245	1760023	1474063
15	North East	43796	45289	93430
16	Orissa	174893	267614	371858
17	Punjab	741887	1540997	1279660
18	Rajasthan	328467	677676	946393
19	Tamilnadu	523632	1388692	1620677
20	Uttaranchal	607528	23799	60472
21	Uttar Pradesh	342682	1585338	1914841
		3		
22	West Bengal	256855	259172	522773
23	Kolkata	265884	894832	637467
24	Chennai	238885	998519	709610
25	Delhi	921913	2384099	1545237
26	Mumbai	723857	2211076	1598932
	Total	974484	2192223	20600574#
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Up to 28.2.2005

ANNEXURE-II

STATE-WISE DETAILS OF WAITING LIST OF TELEPHONE CONNECTION Sl. Name of Circle As on As on As on 31.3.03 31.3.04 31.3.05 No. (Provisional) 1 Andaman & 70 151 449 Nicobar 2 Andhra Pradesh 56765 51934 40680 3 Assam 12476 15797 30306 4 Bihar 101154 112465 96871 5 Chhattisgarh 1630 2118 2809 6 Gujarat 53207 58847 57328 7 Haryana 86633 81657 89105 8 Himachal 39084 44935 45207 Pradesh 9 Jammu & 43969 39704 67714 Kashmir 10 Jharkhand 8307 8143 210747 11 Karnataka 104506 89730 95742 12 Kerala 487499 419762 357004 13 Madhya Pradesh 15350 17300 10059 14 Maharashtra 159583 159004 180287 15 North East-I 7300 5975 4377 16 North East-II 8325 5387 4442 17 Orissa 10509 27713 40958 18 Punjab 103371 92284 44887 19 Rajasthan 130673 138019 137814 20 Tamilnadu 53778 58995 99195 21 Uttaranchal 7465 5729 8626 22 Uttar Pradesh 107119 101771 727179 (East) 23 Uttar Pradesh 54961 43670 52362 (West) 24 West Bengal 148239 144226 125447 25 Kolkata 3445 22720 4609 26 Channai 1159 6929 1444 Total 1806577 1754965 2535648* # It includes waiting list for WLL & GSM also.
