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TELE DENSITY IN A.P.

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

- (a) the percentage of tele-density in rural and urban areas of Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) the number of Village Public Telephones (VPTs) in the State of Andhra Pradesh, district-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to increase telephone service in the rural areas of the State?

Answer

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

- (a) In Andhra Pradesh, the percentage of tele-density in rural areas is 2.38 and that in urban areas is 28.84 as on 28-02-2005.
- (b) The total number of Village Public Telephones (VPTs) in Andhra Pradesh is 24989 as on 31.3.2005 and the district-wise details are given in the Annexure.
- (c) The following steps are taken by BSNL to increase telephone service in rural areas of the state:
 - (i) It is planned to add 2.2 lakh WLL lines of CDMA technology during the current year to clear the scattered demand including in the rural areas.
 - (ii) It is planned to add 9 lakh Mobile phone connections in the state by which many villages will also be covered in the state.
 - (iii) Relaxation of the outdoor cable from 2.5 kms to 5.0 kms for Landline Exchanges has been given.
 - (iv) Mobile network in all the highways, important towns; pilgrim centers and State Highways are deployed to give coverage to more areas.

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

ANNEXURE

STATUS OF VILLAGE PUBLIC TELEPHONES IN A.P. CIRCLE AS ON 31.3.2005

S.No	Name of the District	Number of Village Public Telephones
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(VPTs)		
1.	Adilabad	1083
>2.	Anantapur	1010
3.	Chittoor	1441
4.	Cuddapah	989
5.	East Godavari	1020
6.	Guntur	1019
7	Karimnagar	1088
8.	Khammam	911
9.	Krishna	1065
10.	Kurnool	952
11.	Mahabubnagar	1465
12.	Medak	1173
13.	Nalgonda	1142
14.	Nellore	1149

15. Nizamabad		737
16. Prakasaivi		1050
17. Ranga Reddy		914
18. Srikakulam		1448
19. Visakhapatnam		956
20. Vizianagaram		1224
21. Warangal		716
22. West Godavari		1029
23. Hyderabad		0
Total	23581	

In addition to the above, 1408 VPTs have been provided by private operators to which district-wise break up is not available