

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
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TELEPHONE FACILITY IN UTTARANCHAL  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the telephone facility has been provided in urban and rural areas of all districts of Uttaranchal;
- (b) if not, the number of villages in which this facility is available, district-wise;
- (c) the details of the waiting lists in rural areas of Uttaranchal, district-wise;
- (d) the reasons for non-achievement of targets of National Telecom Policy in rural areas of Uttaranchal;
- (e) the time by which the waiting list of telephone connections is likely to be cleared in the rural areas of Uttaranchal;
- (f) the amount provided for this purpose; and
- (g) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.
- (c) Telecom District-wise waiting list in rural areas of Uttaranchal is given in the Annexure.
- (d) As per the objectives of the New Telecom Policy, 1999, the target is to achieve the rural tele-density from 0.4 to 4% by year 2010. The present tele-density is 1.63%. It is expected that the target of 4% fixed under NTP 1999 will be achieved by 2010.
- (e) The waiting list of telephone connections in the rural areas of Uttaranchal is likely to be cleared progressively by 2007.
- (f) The likely amount to be allocated for Uttaranchal Telecom Circle for this purpose will be Rs. 36 crore approximately.
- (g) It has been planned to provide WLL connections to clear the waiting list.

Annexure

Telecom District-wise waiting list in rural areas of  
Uttaranchal (As on 31.3.2005)

| Sl. No. | Name of the Telecom District | Waiting list |
|---------|------------------------------|--------------|
| 1       | Almorah                      | 25           |
| 2       | Dehradun                     | 407          |
| 3       | Haridwar                     | 629          |
| 4       | Nainital                     | 19           |
| 5       | New Tehri                    | 628          |
| 6       | Srinagar (Garhwal)           | 758          |
|         | Total                        | 2466         |