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TELEPHONE FACILITIES TO GRAM PANCHAYATS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of targets fixed by the Government to provide telephone facilities in Gram Panchayats in the NER during each of the last three years, district-wise; and

(b) the necessary steps being taken by the Government to achieve the target for providing telephones to Gram Panchayats in the NER States?

Answer

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

(a) The details of targets fixed to provide telephone facilities in Gram Panchayats in the North Eastern Region (NER) during the last three years i.e. 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 is given in the Annexure.

(b) Following steps are being taken to achieve target for providing telephones to remaining accessible, undisturbed, undisputed and inhabited villages with population more than 100 including Gram Panchayats:-

(i) Mobile Switching Centre (MSC) based Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) equipment is being deployed.

(ii) Remote and isolated villages including Gram Panchayats which can not be covered by any terrestrial technologies are planned to be provided with telephones by deployment of Digital Satellite Phone Terminals (DSPTs).

ANNEXURE

DETAILS OF THE TARGETS FIXED TO PROVIDE TELEPHONE FACILITIES IN GRAM PANCHAYATS IN THE NORTH EASTERN REGION (NER) DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS i.e. 2002-03, 2003-04 AND 2004-05

Sl. No.	State	Target fixed for providing telephone facility in Gram Panchayats during the years			
		2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	
1	Arunachal Pradesh		4	93	32
2	Assam		150	150	179
3	Manipur		107	275	213
4	Meghalaya		9	8	9
5	Mizoram		130	132	136
6	Nagaland		89	77	5
7	Tripura		4	40	75