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

- (a) the telephone density in Bihar;
- (b) the schemes formulated by the Government to bring it on a par with the national average;
- (c) the district-wise and location-wise details of the waiting list in the State as on 2004-05;
- (d) the time by which the applicants of the waiting list are likely to be provided with the telephone connection; and
- (e) the schemes formulated by the Government for the purpose?

Answer

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

(a) The tele-density in Bihar (BSNL and private operators) is

2.40 as on 31.03.2005. (b) BSNL is making efforts to provide larger number of telephone connections which, in turn, would improve the tele-density in the State

(c) District-wise waiting list as on 31-03.2005 is given in the Annexure.

(d) & (e) The following steps have been taken by BSNL to clear the waiting list :

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 centres 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.

As against the waiting list of 96871 as on 31.03.2005, BSNL has set the following targets for the year 2005-06:

Sl.	Development Parameter	Target
	No.	(Nos.)
1	CMTS (Cellular Telephone Service)	Mobile 12,00,000
2	Landlines	1,22,000
3	WLL (Lines)	1,69,000,
4	Broadband	42,270

In addition, private operators will also provide telephones in the State.

ANNEXURE

DISTRICT-WISE WAITING LIST AS ON 31.03.2005

Sl	Name of Districts	Waiting List
.	in Bihar	as on
No		31.03.2005

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1	Saran	5703
2	Siwan	7890
3	Gopalganj	3213
4	E. Champaran	2521
5	W. Champaran	2319
6	Sitamarhi	6351
7	Shivhar	678
8	Muzaffarpur	6986
9	Vaishali	4111
10	Darbhanga	6588
11	Madhubani	5342
12	Patna	4681
13	Nalanda	1582
14	Gaya	2510
15	Bhojpur	4468
16	Buxar	3235
17	Bhagalpur	1247
18	Banka	914
19	Munger	1228
20	Lakhisarai	426
21	Sheikhpura	397
22	Jamui	491
23	Rohtas	3187
24	Bhabhua	868
25	Saharsa	1137
26	Supaul	1020
27	Madhepura	908
28	Katihar	488
29	Purnea	342
30	Araria	301
31	Arwal	1247
32	Aurangabad	1484
33	Kishanganj	611
34	Jehanabad	2556
35	Nawadah	1071
36	Begusarai	1440
37	Khagaria	3227
38	Samastipur	4103
	Total	96871
