

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
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TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES IN WEST BENGAL  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) The number of post offices, telegraph offices and telephone exchanges functioning in West Bengal at present;
- (b) the number of telephone exchanges connected with Digital Microwave system in West Bengal and other States, State- wise.
- (c) the number of new post offices, telegraph offices and telephone exchanges proposed to set up in West Bengal during 2004-2005;
- (d) The number of post offices being computerized in West Bengal along with names of cities and towns being included under it; and
- (e) the names of the cities/towns which have been provided with speed post facilities in West Bengal during 2003-2004?

**Answer**

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

(a) the number of post offices, telegraph offices and telephone exchanges functioning in West Bengal at present is an under:

1. POST OFFICES

I. Head Post offices	45
II. Sub Post offices	1659
III. GDS Sub Post offices	333
IV. GDS Branch Post offices	1615

Total 3652

2. Telegraph offices	55
3. Telephone Exchanges	1796

(b) State-wise details of telephone exchanges connected with Digital Microwave system including West Bengal are given in Annexure- I.

(c) No target has been fixed at present for opening post offices or telegraph offices during the year 2004-2005 in West Bengal. However, 20 telephone exchanges have been planned to be set up in West Bengal during the current financial year.

(d) All 45 H.O's and over 400 large SOs with more than two hands are proposed to be computerised and networked during the 10th Plan period, subject to availability of funds. These offices are located in all major cities and towns of West Bengal and the exact names of these sub post offices are being worked out. The names of the Head Post Offices are given in Annexure-II.

(e) The names of cities and towns that have been provided with speed post facilities in West Bengal during 2003-2004 are given in Annexure-III.

ANNEXURE-I

THE NUMBER OF TELEPHONE EXCHANGES CONNECTED WITH DIGITAL MICROWAVE SYSTEM IN WEST BENGAL AND OTHER STATES

SL.No Name of State No. of Exchanges on DMW system

1	Andaman & Nicobar	Nil
2	Andhra Pradesh	320
3	Assam	122
4	Bihar	33
5	Jharkhand	12
6	Gujarat	4
7	Haryana	6
8	Himachal Pradesh	105
9	Jammu & Kashmir	58
10	Karnataka	92
11	Kerala	4
12	Madhya Pradesh	101
13	Chattisgarh	29
14	Maharashtra	285
15	Goa	Nil
16	Nagaland	4
17	Manipur	1
18	Arunachal Pradesh	32
19	Meghalaya	16
20	Mizoram	34
21	Tripura	19
22	Punjab	Nil
23	Orissa	6
24	Rajasthan	38
25	Tamil Nadu	72
26	Uttar Pradesh	
a)	Uttar Pradesh (East)	308
b)	Uttar Pradesh (West)	71
27	Uttaranchal	36
28	West Bengal	52
29	Sikkim	2
Total		1862

ANNEXURE-II

NAMES OF HEAD POST OFFICES TO BE COMPUTERISED

SL.No.	HPO
1	Arambagh
2	Balurghat
3	Barrackpore
4	Baruipur
5	Basirhat
6	Belghoria
7	Coochbehar
8	Darjeeling
9	Diamond Harbour
10	Durgapur
11	Jhargram
12	Kalyani
13	Kandi
14	Krishnagar
15	Mal
16	Nawadwip
17	Raghunathganj
18	Rampurhat
19	Ranaghat
20	Raniganj
21	Salkia
22	Suri
23	Tamluk
24	Kolkata GPO
25	Bara-Bazar
26	Alipore
27	Asansol
28	Bankura
29	Burdwan
30	Howrah

31	Jalpaiguri
32	Midnapore
33	Park Street
34	Serampur
35	Barasat
36	Berhampore
37	Cossipore
38	Purulia
39	Siliguri
40	Tollygunge
41	Malda
42	Beleghata
43	Chinsura
44	Contai
45	Katwa

Annexure-III

Names of Cities / Towns which have been provided with speed post facilities in West Bengal during 2003-2004

S1 Names of Cities/ Towns provided with speed post facility  
No.

1	Bagdogra in Siliguri
2.	Darjeeling Bazar
3	Ghoom
4	Sonada
5	Islampur
6	Gangarampur