

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF TELEPHONE EXCHANGE IN JHARKHAND  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up a telephone exchange under Chhatarpur block of the Palamu district of Jharkhand;
- (b) if so, the measures being taken by the Government for setting up the telephone exchange there; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

- (a) A telephone exchange already exists at Chhatarpur Block Head Quarter with capacity of 344 lines and working connections of 322. There is a waiting list of 44, most of which is likely to be cleared by December 2004 by expansion of exchange capacity and laying of underground cable.
- (b) & (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.