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WAITING LIST OF TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of people waiting for telephone connections in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the number of applications received during the last three years and the number of new connections issued during the same period, State-wise;
- (c) the time by which the waiting list is likely to be cleared; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken for the expansion of landline, Mobile and Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) in different States?

Answer

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

(a) Private Operator (Basic/USAL & Cellular) and MTNL do not have any waiting list i.e. they are able to provide telephone on demand to the customers. The Circle-wise details of waiting list for telephone connections with BSNL as on 31.03.2004 are given in Annexure-I.

(b) The Circle-wise details about number of application received and number of new connection issued during the last three years are given in Annexure-II.

(c) & (d) The generation of demand for telephone connections is a healthy and continuous phenomenon which keeps adding to the waiting list. A target date for clearing waiting list (a dynamic process) cannot be set as the demand for telephones could be from places where there may not be telecom infrastructure in that particular period. However, to clear the waiting list, BSNL has planned one crore telephones during 2004-05.

ANNEXURE- I

Circle-wise waiting list as on 31.03.2004 (in respect of BSNL)

Sl. No.	Name of the Circles	Waiting list
1.	Andaman & Nicobar	151
2.	Andhra Pradesh	51934
3.	Assam	15797
4.	Bihar	112465
5.	Chhattisgarh	2118
6.	Gujarat	58847
7.	Haryana	81657
8.	Himachal Pradesh	44935
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	39704
10.	Jharkhand	8143
11.	Karnataka	89730
12.	Kerala	419762
13.	Madhya Pradesh	17300
14.	Maharashtra	159004
15.	North East-I	5975
16.	North East-II	5387
17.	Orissa	27713
18.	Punjab	92284
19.	Rajasthan	138019
20.	Tamilnadu	58995
21.	Uttaranchal	5729
22.	UP (East)	101771
23.	UP (West)	43670
24.	West Bengal	144226
25.	Kolkata	22720
26.	Chennai	6929

Total 1754965

ANNEXURE- II

Number of applications received and number of new connections issued (in respect of BSNL)

Sl No	Name of the Circles	No. of application received during			No. of new connections issued during		
		2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
1.	Andaman & Nicobar	2639	4862	6394	4339	6279	7694
2.	Andhra Pradesh	23256	32796	30479	59168	82536	77805
3.	Assam	2	9	4	4	1	1
4.	Bihar	73314	67125	53092	92535	73541	80856
5.	Chhattisgarh	22194	18923	15491	25233	18198	19840
6.	Gujarat	4	3	0	7	3	1
7.	Haryana	27516	49871	42281	49496	68184	61071
8.	Himachal Pradesh	27485	40463	8946	58786	58466	39884
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	8	4		6	9	0
10.	Jharkhand	15974	19116	15972	20959	20950	23117
11.	Karnataka	9	2	8	5	3	7
12.	Kerala	72738	74533	59376	96691	61345	91831
13.	Madhya Pradesh	49836	44786	60408	52224	49118	75190
14.	Maharashtra	69742	94863	10118	84215	10645	12038
15.	North East-I			3		6	5
16.	North East-II	26821	36159	11377	55175	54543	43648
17.	Orissa	9	1	6	1	7	2
18.	Punjab	34118	43540	33933	57658	58371	49931
19.	Rajasthan	7	0	7	5	6	9
20.	Tamilnadu	11484	17372	15908	17477	22626	23443
21.	Uttaranchal	4	0	4	2	6	9
22.	UP (East)	52246	58413	34278	80703	79915	81591
23.	UP (West)	8	5	6	9	2	3
24.	West Bengal	23013	23600	24771	29689	26261	31683
25.	Kolkata						
26.	Chennai	19614	18049	23580	32463	25641	29943
Total		83990	13306	15662	14255	13163	20434
		2	5	6	4	5	
		22704	32825	95025	40801	33885	26780
		8	4	4	4	0	6
		25597	24378	22226	32009	26945	32759
		7	2	6	6	1	3
		19358	28325	22246	44347	50948	52365
		6	2	4	4	6	4
		39163	60947	81070	63546	63895	112724
		25788	30173	16779	30851	30168	29269
		5	5	1	2	3	1
		14468	21689	20054	23711	24535	30470
		4	7	5	2	2	4
		22087	22540	16171	25858	22857	20537
		5	7	7	1	0	0
		98387	46002	59635	13171	12764	16580
					1	1	1
		88645	43161	86185	14401	11659	22355
					1	0	3
		40844	49280	34077	66508	65660	67195
		89	32	69	94	64	16