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SETTING UP OF NEW TELEPHONE EXCHANGES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up new telephone exchanges in West Bengal during 2004-05;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith their capacity, district-wise; and
- (c) the time by which these exchanges are likely to be setup?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) There is no plan of setting up new telephone exchange in West Bengal Telecom Circle during 2004-2005. However, 20 numbers of new telephone exchanges (Digital Loop Carrier) each of 480 lines capacity have been proposed to be set up in Kolkata Telephone District during 2004-05. Location of these exchanges is being finalized.

(c) The new telephone exchanges are likely to be set up by 31.03.2005.