

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

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WAITING LIST IN RAJASTHAN
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether urban and rural areas of all the districts of Rajasthan have been provided with telephone facilities;
- (b) if not, the number of villages where telephone facility has not been provided, district-wise;
- (c) the details of the waiting list in rural areas of Rajasthan, district-wise;
- (d) the reasons behind the failure of Government in achieving the targets of National Telecom Policy in rural areas;
- (e) the time by which the waiting list of telephone connection in rural areas of Rajasthan is likely to be cleared;
- (f) the provision of funds provided for this purpose and the steps proposed to be taken in this regard;
- (g) whether the Government propose to fix time limit for it; and
- (h) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) For urban areas, telephone facilities have been provided in all the districts of Rajasthan. For rural areas, out of 41515 revenue villages in Rajasthan (as per 1991 census), in 23880 villages telephone facilities have been provided by BSNL and in 3010 villages by Shyam Telelinks Limited, private basic service operator in Rajasthan.
- (b) The list of number of villages, district-wise, where telephone facilities have not been provided are given in Annexure-I.
- (c) The total waiting list as on 15-07-2004 in rural areas of Rajasthan is 119007. District-wise details are given in Annexure-II.
- (d) Most of the rural connections are loss making for the service providers and therefore, there is a general reluctance among all service providers to increase their exposure in rural areas.
- (e) Efforts are being made to provide telephone connections to wait-listed applicants, particularly, in rural areas using mostly the WLL technology.

Target fixed for provision of DELs in rural areas of Rajasthan in the year 2004-05 are:

Land line :	30,000
WLL :	1,50,000

- (f) Funds allocated by BSNL for rural areas in Rajasthan Circle for 2004-05 are Rs. 60.21 crores.
- (g) Even as Government is committed to provide community access to all the villages, it is not possible to fix a time limit for clearing waiting list in rural areas.
- (h) Does not arise in view of (g) above.

ANNEXURE-I
DISTRICT-WISE LIST OF UNCOVERED VILLAGES IN RAJASTHAN

S.N o.	Name of District	No. of uncovered villages
1.	Ajmer	29
2.	Alwar	861
3.	Banswara	838
4.	Dungarpur	312
5.	Barmer	1005
6.	Bharatpur	483
7.	Dholpur	451
8.	Bhilwara	500
9.	Bikaner	202
10.	Bundi	314
11.	Chittorgarh	1391
12.	Churu	236
13.	Jaipur	1143
14.	Dausa	527
15.	Jaisalmer	239
16.	Jhalawar	885
17.	Jhunjhunu	9
18.	Jodhpur	256
19.	Kota	147
20.	Baran	357
21.	Nagaur	428
22.	Pali	147
23.	Sawai Madhopur	197
24.	Karauli	382
25.	Sikar	181
26.	Sirohi	104
27.	Jalore	144
28.	Sriganganagar	1886
29.	Hanumangarh	748
30.	Tonk	374
31.	Udaipur	1250
32.	Rajsamand	195
Grand Total:		16221

ANNEXURE-II

STATUS OF RURAL WAITING LIST IN RAJASTHAN

S.N o.	Name of Revenue District	the Waiting List
1.	Ajmer	3460
2.	Alwar	10356
3.	Banswara	869
4.	Baran	975
5.	Barmer	5778
6.	Bharatpur	3441
7.	Bhilwara	2595
8.	Bikaner	1099
9.	Bundi	464
10.	Chittorgarh	3362
11.	Churu	5072
12.	Dausa	3211
13.	Dholpur	1083
14.	Dungarpur	1733
15.	Hanumangarh	2154
16.	Jaipur	9165
17.	Jaisalmer	441
18.	Jalore	3266
19.	Jhalawar	923
20.	Jhunjhunu	9062
21.	Jodhpur	6335
22.	Karauli	1481
23.	Kota	1150
24.	Nagaur	10165
25.	Pali	4686
26.	Rajsamand	1983
27.	Sawaimadhopur	1772
28.	Sikar	12253
29.	Sirohi	1696
30.	Sriganganagar	2214
31.	Tonk	1063
32.	Udaipur	5700
Circle Total:		119007