

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

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TELEPHONE FACILITIES IN ORISSA  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether all villages in Orissa have been provided with telephone facilities;
- (b) if not, the progress in the State in general and KBK districts in particular; and
- (c) the time by which all villages in the States are likely to be provided with telephone?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) Out of 46,989 Villages in Orissa, 40,753 have been provided with telephone facilities whereas in case of KBK districts, out of 11, 387 villages, telephone facility is available in 9,070 villages upto 30.06.2004.

(c) Out of 6,236 uncovered villages in the state, 1,337 villages cannot be provided with telephone facilities as these villages include villages having zero population, less than 100 population, no custodian, villages coming under naxalite infested areas and thick forest etc. Remaining 4,899 villages are not feasible on normal terrestrial media and have been planned for satellite telephones.