

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TELECOM SERVICE IN GUJARAT
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the works done with regard to the development expansion and upgradation of telecommunications in the rural and urban areas of Gujarat during the last three years;
- (b) whether the progress of telecom related aforesaid works is very slow in the rural areas;
- (c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) The details of the works done with regard to the development expansion and upgradation of telecommunications in the rural and urban areas of Gujarat during the last three years are given below:

Year	Capacity Added			New		Direct Exchange	
	Exchanges Set up	Lines (DELS)	Added	Rural	Urban	Total	
2001-02	5,87,966	Nil	Nil	150	2,04,825	2,46,529	4,51,354
2002-03	2,79,488	24,000	2,10,000	28	1,40,541	2,63,611	4,04,152
2003-04	6,528	90,250	2,49,750	2	28,040	(-)24,734	3,306

WLL - Wireless in Local Loop
CMTS - Cellular Mobile Telephone Service

(b) No, Sir. The work is progressing as per plan.

(c) & (d): Do not arise in view of (b) above.