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ELECTRONIC TELEPHONE EXCHANGES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the electronic telephone exchanges set up in West Bengal, Delhi, Sikkim and NER during the last three years;
(b) the funds earmarked, disbursed and utilized so far for the said purpose during this period; and
(c) the plan formulated for setting up of more electronic telephone exchanges in these States during the Tenth Five Year Plan period?

Answer

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

(a) Sir, the details of the electronic telephone exchanges set up in West Bengal, Delhi, Sikkim and NER during the last three years are as under:

Name of circle 2002-03 2003-04 2004-05

West Bengal	95	18	20
Sikkim	02	0	0
NER	98	46	20
Delhi	37	28	14

(b) The funds earmarked, disbursed and utilized so far for the said purpose during this period are as under:

Name of circle	2002-03 BE(Rs. Utilized in crores)	2003-04 BE(Rs. Utilized in crores)	2004-05 BE(Rs. Utilized in crore)
West Bengal	109.98	112.21	137
Sikkim	4.04	3.84	4.07
NER	123.06	124.36	67.51
Delhi	190.73#	138.43#	42.69#

Disbursed and utilized. No separate budget in MTNL is earmarked for new exchanges. However, funds are earmarked for overall switching capacity.

(c) BSNL has planned to install/commission a total of 38 new electronic telephone exchanges during Tenth Five Year Plan in West Bengal, Sikkim and NER. In MTNL Delhi, exchanges are being set up as per demand in the area.