

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1096
ANSWERED ON:30.11.2005
EXPANSION OF CAPACITY OF TELEPHONE EXCHANGES
Mandal Shri Sanat Kumar

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to expand capacity of the existing telephone exchanges by providing modern communication facility in West Bengal during the current year and in the coming years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise and the funds likely to be provided by the Government for the said period; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) Sir, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has planned to expand capacity of the existing telephone exchanges by providing land lines/Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) connections as under :-

Year Capacity Planned (Fixed+ WLL)

2005-06 355800
2006-07 350200
2007-08 375100

(b) District wise details and provision of funds are as under:-

Sl	Name of District	Name of Exchange	Capacity	FundsNo Provision
	(Rs.in Crore)			
1.	24-Pargna (S)	Southgaria	1000	157.82
	crores			
2.	24-Pargna (N)	Dharampur	1000	
3.		Kalupur	1000	
4.		Paikpara	1000	
5.	Burdwan	Mahata	248	
6.	Bankura	Bishunupur (1)	1000	
7.	Birbhum	Nichupatti	1000	
8.		Nischintapur	1000	
9.	Coochbehar	Baburhat	1000	
10.		Takdaha	500	
11.	Malda	Tulshihata	248	
12.	Midnapur (E)	Egra	500	
13.		Tamluk	1000	
	South			
14.		Darua	500	
15.	Midnapur (W)	Golbazar	1000	
16.		Judges Court		
17.	Murshidabad	Bhakuri	750	
18.		Uttarpara	500	
19.		Jilaparishad	750	
20.	Purlia	Purlia M/W	2500	
21.	Anmdaha	1000		
22.		Arsha	248	
23.		Lakhanpur	248	

(c) BSNL has started equipment procurement process for expanding capacity of the existing telephone exchanges.