

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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TELEPHONE SERVICES IN J& K  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is facing any problem in providing land-line and mobile phones services in Gruez, Keran, Rambal/Rajwar and Rafiabad in Baramulla district of Jammu & Kashmir;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether inspite of OFC being laid upto Uri many important exchanges have not been enabled to connect more areas due to default of contractors;
- (d) if so, whether the pending works shall be completed during current financial year; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b) Yes, Sir. There are problems in providing land-line and mobile phones services in Gruez, Keran, Rambal/Rajwar and Rafiabad in Baramulla district of Jammu and Kashmir. All these places are very remote and have difficult terrain, low power supply, severe weather conditions where adequate skilled manpower are not available which create problems in provision of telecom services.
- (c) Underground cabling has not yet been completed. However, Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) Base Transceiver Station (BTS) has been proposed at Uri and Fatehgarh to cover most of the areas of Uri and Fatehgarh.
- (d) & (e) As provisioning of land-line telephone connections is dependent on tender finalization of underground cable laying, however, WLL BTS is likely to be provided during the current financial year.