

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

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WAITING LIST IN RAJASTHAN
Singh Shri Dushyant

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

- (a) whether the Government has made any estimates on the requirement of telephone instruments to provide telephone connections in the urban and rural areas of Rajasthan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken to ensure the availability of telephone instruments to clear the waiting list; and
- (d) the time by which the telephone connections are likely to be provided on demand in the State?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) There is a waiting list of 17,991 in urban and 1,15,742 in rural areas of Rajasthan as on 31-10-2005. Most of the waiting list is in far-flung areas and hence most of the connections are planned to be provided on Wireless in Local Loop (WLL). Accordingly, about 1.31 lakh number of Integrated Fixed Wireless Telephone instruments (IFWT instruments) have been planned for procurement for Rajasthan Circle. Out of these 85,876 number of IFWT instruments have been procured and balance are in pipeline.

(d) Telephone connections are likely to be provided on demand by December, 2007.