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IMPROVEMENT IN RURAL TELEPHONE SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has used new technology to improve the rural telephone system;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the number of villages wherein new technology telephone has been installed in Karnataka particularly in Dakshina Kannada district?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) The Government has improved the rural telephone system by use of new technology as per details given below:-

- (i) All small and medium exchanges are being converted into Remote Station Units (RSUs)/AN-RAXs to provide modern facilities to the rural subscribers.
- (ii) Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) System has been introduced at large scale in rural areas,
- (iii) 14,183 Digital Satellite Phone Terminals (DSPTs) in remote and far flung areas have been planned for providing Village Panchayat Telephones.

(c) All 26,874 inhabited villages of Karnataka including 615 villages in Dakshina Kannada have been connected with exchanges with new technology as mentioned above.