

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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TELEPHONE EXCHANGES IN UTTAR PRADESH
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of telephone exchanges in urban and rural areas in the districts of Siddharthnagar, Basti, Gonda, Faizabad, Jaunpur, Azamgarh, Sultanpur and Gorakhpur of Uttar Pradesh where the applications for telephones have been pending for long;
- (b) the details of the measures taken by the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited to provide new connections in the said districts;
- (c) the details of connections/applicants in the said districts for which the Members of Parliament or Ministry/Minister of Telecommunications have recommended for providing the same on priority basis; and
- (d) the time by which all applicants are likely to be provided telephone connections?

Answer

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

(a) Sir, details of telephone exchanges where waiting list for telephones is pending as on 30.11.2005 in respect of urban and rural areas of districts Siddharthnagar, Basti, Gonda, Faizabad, Jaunpur, Azamgarh, Sultanpur and Gorakhpur of Uttar Pradesh are as follows: -

Sl. No.	District	No. of Exch. in Urban area	Total waiting list in the Distt.	No. of Exch. in Rural area	Total waiting list in the
1	Sidharthnagar	4	157	25	427
2	Basti	4	200	24	476
3	Gonda	3	374	37	1294
4	Faizabad	10	2764	31	1045
5	Jaunpur	13	1959	56	7297
6	Azamgarh	15	2200	60	5102
7	Sultanpur	8	144	69	4850
8	Gorakhpur	21	1007	34	2241

(b) Following measures taken by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited to provide new connections in the said districts:

(i) Waiting list within local area of the exchange is planned to clear on landline.

(ii) Waiting list beyond the local area of the exchange is planned to be cleared on Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) for which additional 961 WLL BTS are planned up to December 2007.

(c) Details of connections/ applicants in the said district for out of turn connections under quota of Members of Parliament or Ministry/Minister of Telecommunications for providing telephone connections on priority basis is given in the Annexure.

(d) Pending connections are likely to be provided by December 2007 in a phased manner by extending the network through deployment of WLL since most of the pending waiting list is on far flung rural areas where there is no reach of the network presently. Such areas can only be covered economically through wireless deployment.

ANNEXURE

Details of Sanctions/pending connections from Members of Parliament/MINISTER Quota for the year 2004 & 2005.

S. No	Name of District	Total No Sactioned	MP Quota Conn-ectios Provided	Pending	Minister Quota Total No Sanct ioned	Connect ions Provided	Pen ding	Total No Sacti- oned	Conne tions Provided	Pend ing
1	Azamgarh	201	172	29	23	17	6	224	189	35
2	Basti & Siddharth nagar	37	28	9	4	1	3	41	29	12
3	Faizabad	14	13	1	57	46	11	71	59	12
4	Gonda	2	0	2	5	0	5	7	0	7
5	Gorakhpur	13	6	7	5	3	2	18	9	9
6	Jaunpur	560	245	315	32	8	24	592	253	339
7	Sultanpur	658	455	203	30	12	18	688	467	221
TOTAL		1485	919	566	156	87	69	1641	1006	635