

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:1
ANSWERED ON:17.02.2006
TELEPHONE FACILITY IN VILLAGES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of villages in the country where telephone facility has been provided during the last three years till date, State-wise and district-wise;
- (b) the number of villages which are not having this facility;
- (c) the details of the waiting list of the applicants for the various services of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited such as Mobile, WLL, Landline etc. State-wise and district-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has formulated any time-bound programme to provide telephone connections to its waitlisted subscribers;
- (e) if so, the time by which these waitlisted subscribers will be provided telephone connections; and
- (f) the period by which all the villages of the country are likely to be provided with telephone facility?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 1 FOR 17TH FEBRUARY, 2006 REGARDING TELEPHONE FACILITY IN VILLAGES.

(a)&(b) All the eligible villages in the country except 66,822 villages were provided Village Public Telephones (VPTs) by November 2004. This excluded villages having less than 100 population, villages lying in thick forest areas/naxalite infested area etc.

In November 2004, Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) entered into agreement with BSNL to provide VPTs in these remaining 66,822 villages by November 2007. State wise list of these 66,822 villages is at Annexure-A.

As on 31.12.2005, 17,182 villages out of remaining 66,822 villages have been provided VPTs. Details are at Annexure-A.

(c) The details of the waiting list of the applicants for the various services of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) are at Annexure-B.

(d) & (e) The existing wait listed subscribers are likely to be provided telephone connections in the current year.

(f) The remaining eligible uncovered villages are to be provided telephone facilities by November 2007 as per the agreement between USOF and BSNL.

ANNEXURE-A

STATUS OF PROVISION OF TELEPHONE FACILITY IN 66,822 UNCOVERED VILLAGES IN THE COUNTRY AS ON 31ST DECEMBER, 2005

Sl. No.	Name of the Service Area	No. of uncovered villages under Agreement	On Satellite media	On any other media	VPTs provided upto 31.12.2005	Balance remaining uncovered
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1.	Andhra Pradesh	1,074	115	959	237	837
2.	Assam	8,931	279	8,652	2,366	6,565

3.	Jharkhand	1,694	1,694	0	30	1,664
4.	Gujarat	4,144	0	4,144	1,965	2,179
5.	H.P.	1,002	275	727	234	768
6.	J & K	1,755	465	1,290	222	1,533
7.	M.P.	11,894	443	11,451	4,402	7,492
8.	Chhatisgarh	5,043	488	4,955	892	4,151
9.	Maharashtra	6,441	496	5,945	2,189	4,252
10.	North East-I	2,128	578	1,550	77	2,051
11.	North East-	1,550	1,289	261	30	1,520
II						
12.	Orissa	4,899	4,899	0	0	4,899
13.	Rajasthan	12,386	18	12,368	4,332	8,054
14.	Uttaranchal	3,881	3,544	337	206	3,675
15.	Andaman & Nicobar	0	0	0	0	0
16.	Bihar	0	0	0	0	0
17.	Haryana	0	0	0	0	0
18.	Karnataka	0	0	0	0	0
19.	Kerala	0	0	0	0	0
20.	Punjab	0	0	0	0	0
21.	Tamil Nadu	0	0	0	0	0
22.	UP (East)	0	0	0	0	0
23.	UP (West)	0	0	0	0	0
24.	West Bengal	0	0	0	0	0
Total						
		66,822	14,183	52,639	17,182	49,640

Details of these 66,822 villages are available at DoT's website (<http://www.dot.gov.in/bn/statedata.htm>)

ANNEXURE -B

CIRCLE WISE WAITING LIST AS ON 31.12.2005

S.No	Name of Circle	Basic Service (Combined Waiting Mobile list of Landline and WLL)	Cellular
1	Andaman & Nicobar	327	9,315
2	Andhra Pradesh	36,971	0
3	Assam	22,180	28,704
4	Bihar#	94,745	0
5	Chattisgarh#	5,963	124,667
6	Gujarat	51,898	0
7	Haryana	71,427	0
8	Himachal Pradesh	39,021	0
9	Jammu & Kashmir	72,700	0
10	Jharkhand#	12,571	15,591
11	Karnataka	99,094	0
12	Kerala	296,081	0
13	Madhya Pradesh	13,016	263,508
14	Maharashtra#	191,298	250,719
15	North East - I	3,569	0
16	North East - II	3,871	39,632
17	Orissa	44,469	124,186
18	Punjab	40,554	0
19	Rajasthan	121,136	44,130
20	TamilNadu#	116,986	129,754
21	Uttaranchal	4,939	0
22	Uttar Pradesh (East)	109,000	71,890
23	Uttar Pradesh (West)	42,760	0
24	West Bengal	152,181	3,000
25	Kolkatta	5,349	0
26	Chennai	10,847	0
TOTAL		1,662,953	1,105,096

The waiting list details are as on 31.01.2006. SSA/District wise details of waiting list for various States is given in succeeding pages Wherever waiting list is indicated as `zero`, it implies that the connections are available on demand in the areas covered for that particular service

SSA / DISTRICT WISE WAITING LIST IN STATES

S. No.	Name of SSA/ District	Basic Serv- ices	Cellular Mobile ices	S1. No.	Name of SSA	Basic Serv- ices	Cellular Mobile ices
1	Andaman & Nicobar	4	Banka	179			
	A & N	327	9,315	5	W.Champaran	4,752	
			6	Begusarai	3,118		

Andhra Pradesh as on 31.12.2005				7	Saran	4,482
1	Adilabad 1,362	8	Siwan	6,976		
2	Anantapur 1,663	9	Gopalganj	2,424		
3	Chittoor 1,242	10	Darbhangha	7,033		
4	Cuddapah 538	11	Gaya	4,896		
5	East Godavari 1,194	12	Arwal	1,422		
6	Guntur 1,376	13	Nawadah	3,442		
7	Hyd. Telecom 5,464	14	Aurangabad	1,448		
Dist.						
8	Karimnagar 5,857	15	Jehanabad	4,264		
9	Khammam 569	16	Vaishali	4,579		
10	Krishna 808	17	Katihar 490			
11	Kurnool 1,059	18	Purnia 402			
12	Mahabubnagar 1,885	19	Araria 260			
13	Medak 2,795	20	Khagaria	2,833		
14	Nalgonda 2,585	21	Kishanganj	1,027		
15	Nellore 733	22	Munger	1,594		
16	Nizamabad 386	23	Sheikpura 336			
17	Prakasham 877	24	Jammui 434			
18	Srikakulam 1,773	25	Lakhisarai 290			
19	Visakhapatnam 347	26	Muzaffarpur	7,093		
20	Vizianagaram 101	27	Sitamarhi	2,062		
21	Warangal 1,706	28	East	4,058		
Champanan						
22	West Godavari 2,651	29	Samastipur	4,256		
TOTAL	36,971 0	30	Rohtas	2,714		
		31	Bhabua	728		

Assam as on 31.12.2005				32	Saharsa	1,169
1	Bongaigaon 7,114 0	33	Supaul	885		
2	Dibrugarh 882 0	34	Madhepura	743		
3	Jorhat 1,182 0	35	Madhubani	5,121		
4	Kamrup 1,285 0	36	Sheohar	745		
5	Nagaon 4,727 0	37	Patna	1,984		
6	Silchar 5,359	12,277	38	Nalanda	1,275	
7	Tezpur 1,631	16,427	Total	94,745 0		
Total	22,180	28,704				

Chattisgarh as on 31.01.2006

Bihar as on 31.01.2006				1	Bilaspur	579	25,623
1	Bhojpur 2,163	2	Durg	1,038	26,061		
2	Buxar 2,031	3	Raipur	1,833	31,565		
3	Bhagalpur 1,037	4	Bastar	580	21,461		
5	Raigarh 344	10,233	10	Sirmour	1,496		
6	Surguja 1,589	9,724	11	Solan 744			
TOTAL	5,963	124,667	12	Una	3,643		
TOTAL	39,021	0					

Gujarat as on 31.12.2005

1	Ahemdabad 2,772	J&K as on 31.01.2006			
2	Amreli 374	1	Jammu	17,144	
3	Bharuch 703	2	Udhampur	3,420	
4	Bhavnagar 4,038	3	Leh	1,330	
5	Bhuj 3,577	4	Rajouri	5,109	
6	Godhra 1,857	5	Srinagar	45,697	
7	Himmatnagar 786	TOTAL			72,700 0
8	Jamnagar 3,385	Jharkhand as on 31.01.2006			
9	Junagarh 7,344	1	Bokaro	1,469 0	
10	Mehsana 4,350	2	Dhanbad	2,103 0	
11	Nadiad 3,990	3	Dumka	84 0	
12	Palanpur 6,126	4	Pakur	0 0	
13	Rajkot 6,309	5	Godda	203 0	
14	Surat 1,930	6	Jamtara	72 0	
15	Surendranagar 2,469	7	Sahebganj	151 0	
16	Vadodara 625	8	Deoghar	1,063 0	
17	Valsad 1,263	10	Chatra	163 0	
TOTAL	51,898 0	9	Hazaribag	3,582	8,134

Haryana as on 31.12.2005

1	Ambala 5,991	11	Kodarma	317	2,076
2	Faridabad 1,751	12	Giridih	777	3,493
3	Gurgaon 5,391	13	Garwa	126	192
4	Hisar 13,917	14	Palamu	343	1,550
5	Jind 1,383	15	Latehar	2	146
6	Karnal 10,022	16	Ranchi	856	0
7	Rewari 10,274	17	Lohardaga	29	0
8	Rohtak 19,109	18	Gumla	144	0
9	Sonepat 3,589	19	Simdega	173	0
TOTAL	71,427 0	20	E.Singhbhum	756	0
		21	W.Singhbhum	10 0	
		22	Saraikeela	148	0
Himachal Pradesh as on 31.12.2005				Total	12,571 15,591

1	Bilaspur 4,610	Karnataka as on 31.12.2005			
2	Chamba 1,547	1	Bangalore TD-	13,740	
3	Hamirpur 4,841	2	Bangalore TD-	5,030	
4	Kangra 13,604				

urban									
5	Kinnour	842	3	Belgaum	6,109				
6	Kullu	980	4	Bellary	465				
7	Lahaul Spiti	215	5	Bidar	103				
8	Mandi	4,587	6	Bijapur	4,849				
9	Shimla	1,912	7	Chickmagalur	2,077				
8	Dakshina	25,100	10	Gwalior	820	17,937			
Kannada									
9	Chitradurga	1,916	11	Hoshangabad	0	8,718			
10	Gulbarga	1,495	12	Indore	1,131	18,070			
11	Hassan	4,559	13	Jabalpur	767	20,489			
12	Hubli	2,565	14	Jahbua	0	7,832			
13	Kodagu	3,579	15	Khandwa	171	5,263			
14	Kolar	6,181	16	Khargone	0	9,928			
15	Mandya	2,779	17	Mandla	149	8,262			
16	Mysore	4,125	18	Mandsaur	4,419	7,305			
17	Raichur	3,558	19	Morena	503	9,469			
18	Shimoga	6,506	20	Narsinghpur	347	4,560			
19	Tumkur	4,352	21	Panna	147	2,155			
20	Uttara	6	22	Raisen	34	3,856			
Kannada									
TOTAL	99,094	0	23	Rajgarh	405	2,248			
			24	Ratlam	547	6,186			
Kerala as on 31.12.2005									
1	Alleppey	19,465	26	Sagar	499	3,449			
2	Calicut	24,190	27	Satna	704	5,172			
3	Cannanore	10,936	28	Seoni	0	3,952			
4	Ernakulam	22,213	29	Shahadol	69	6,645			
5	Idukki	15,418	30	Shajapur	0	4,196			
6	Kasaragod	9,299	31	Shivpuri	243	6,215			
7	Kottayam	16,567	32	Sidhi	167	7,396			
8	Malappuram	54,606	33	Ujjain	1,169	7,684			
9	Palghat	32,068	34	Vidisha	99	2,634			
10	Pathanamthitta	12,234		TOTAL		13,016	263,508		
11	Quilon	36,175							
12	Trichur	14,578							
13	Trivandrum	20,593							
14	Wynad	7,705							
15	U/T of	17							
Lakshadweep									
16	U/T of	17	4	Aurangabad	5,717	22,795			
Pondicherry									
(Mahe)									
Total	296,081	0	5	Beed	6,974	4,727			
			6	Bhandara	4,343	8,350			
Madhya Pradesh Circle as on 31.12.2005									
1	Balaghat	0	4,064	8	Chandrapur	2,253	9,052		
2	Betul	144	6,193	9	Dhule	3,804	14,396		
3	Bhopal	62	21,394	10	Gadchiroli	779	2,730		
4	Chhatarpur	96	18,678	11	Goa	4,547	6,600		
5	Chhindwara	89	6,722	12	Jalgaon	7,448	10,207		
6	Damoh	32	2,731	13	Jalna	5,765	14,738		
7	Dewas	89	1,963	14	Kalyan	15,944	12,773		
8	Dhar	0	7,856	15	Kolhapur	4,465	9,390		
9	Guna	80	8,160	16	Latur	1,941	15,280		
17	Nagpur	4,422	13,131	2	Bathinda	1,100			
18	Nanded	1,852	9,790	3	Chandigarh	2			
19	Nasik	17,059	5,000	4	Ferozepur	7,904			
20	Osmanabad	3,527	5,432	5	Hoshiarpur	6,757			
21	Parbhani	2,210	7,199	6	Jalandhar	800			
22	Pune	22,244	7,951	7	Ludhiana	5,438			
23	Raigadh	3,507	13,515	8	Pathankot	7,475			
24	Ratnagiri	7,528	7,899	9	Patiala	3,807			
25	Sangli	3,615	0	10	Ropar	1,072			
26	Satara	12,999	3,950	11	Sangrur	17			
27	Sindhudurg	6,959	7,470		TOTAL	40,554	0		
28	Solapur	8,795	0						
29	Wardha	3,261	2,643						
Rajasthan Circle as on 31.12.2005									
30	Yavatmal	0	7,651	1	Ajmer	4,614	2,397		
TOTAL	191,298	250,719	2	Alwar	8,773	0			
			3	Banswara	3,281	3,308			
NE-I Circle as on 31.12.2005									
			4	Barmer	7,843	10,042			
1	Meghalaya	162	5	Bharatpur	4,926	0			
2	Mizoram	533	6	Bhilwara	2,901	0			
3	Tripura	2,874	7	Bikaner	465	1,157			
Total	3,569	0	8	Bundi	346	0			
			9	Chittorgarh	1,743	0			
NE-II Circle as on 31.12.2005									
			10	Churu	6,458	395			
1	Arunachal	487	0	11	Jaipur	16,033	0		
Pradesh									
2	Manipur	3,033	29,871	12	Jaisalmer	393	2,267		
3	Nagaland	351	9,761	13	Jhalawar	380	0		
Total	3,871	39,632	14	Jhunjhunu	7,833	0			
			15	Jodhpur	6,686	5,937			

Orissa Circle as on 31.12.2005	16	Kota	2,922	9,469
1 Balasore	8,430	2,265	17 Nagaur	7,563
2 Baripada	1,418	12,883	18 Pali	5,097
3 Berhampur	3,640	8,260	19 Sawaimadhopur	3,075
4 Bhawanipatna	734	6,746	20 Sikar	14,680
5 Bhubaneswar	10,259	15,703	21 Sirohi	2,541
6 Bolangir	1,206	8,000	22 Sriganaganagar	2,413
7 Cuttak	13,687	22,044	23 Tonk	1,473
8 Dhenkanel	2,509	11,785	24 Udaipur	8,697
9 Keonjhar	581	9,000	TOTAL	121,136
10 Koraput	143	9,883		44,130

11 Phulbani	93	2,150	Tamil Nadu Circle as on 31.01.2006	
12 Rourkela	1,292	8,141	1 Coimbatore	8,905
13 Sambalpur	477	7,326	2 Cuddalore	4,987
TOTAL	44,469	124,186	3 Darmapuri	3,559
			4 Dindigul	2,688

Punjab Circle as on 31.12.2005	5	Erode	7,081
1 Amritsar	6,182	6 Kanyakumari	6,830
7 Karur	3,268	12 Siddharth Nagar	535
8 Krishnagiri	3,798	13 Deoria	6,673
9 Madurai	1,117	14 Kushi Nagar	3,926
10 Nagapattinam	6,574	15 Auraiya	816
11 Namakkal	3,491	16 Etawah	1,261
12 Perambalur	6,108	17 Farrukhabad	1,427
13 Pudukottai	5,798	18 Kannauj	1,376
14 Ramanathapuram	2,417	19 Fatehpur	2,325
15 Salem	4,942	20 Ambedkar Nagar	2,905
16 Sivaganga	3,482	21 Faizabad	2,438
17 Thanjavur	3,519	22 Balrampur	529
18 The Nilgiris	0	23 Gonda	1,573
19 Theni	122	24 Gorakhpur	3,254
20 Thiruvarur	4,785	25 Maharajganj	574
21 Tirunelveli	4,044	26 Ghazipur	3,806
22 Tiruvannamalai	3,221	27 Hardoi	4,946
23 Trichy	4,749	28 Hamirpur	197
24 Tuticorin	3,048	29 Mahoba	345
25 Vellore	6,040	30 Jhansi	246
26 Villupuram	9,941	31 Lalitpur	7
27 Virudhunagar	2,362	32 Jaunpur	9,656
28 Pondicherry	110	33 Kanpur	1,048

U/T			
TOTAL	116,986	12,9754	34 Kanpur Dehat
			1,584
			35 Lakhimpur
			1,250

Uttaranchal Circle as on 31.12.2005	36	Lucknow	2,730
1 Almora	1,034	37 Mau	776
2 Deharadun	696	38 Manipuri	2,489
3 Haridwar	1,771	39 Mirzapur	1,265
4 Nainital	469	40 Sonebhadra	1,478
5 Shrinagar(Gar	865	41 Jalaun	1,737
hwal)			
6 New Tehri	104	42 Pratapgarh	1,421
TOTAL	4,939	0	43 Raebareli
			3,890
			44 Shahjahanpur
			2,131

UP(East) as on 31.12.2005	45	Sitapur	2,555
1 Allahabad	6,944	46 Sultanpur	4,942
2 Kaushambi	573	47 Unnao	1,494
3 Azamgarh	7,106	48 Chandauli	1,650
4 Barabanki	3,264	49 Sant Ravidas	1,302
Nagar			
5 Ballia	2,459	50 Varanasi	1,877
6 Banda	365	TOTAL	109,000
7 Chitrakoot	257		71,890

8 Bahraich	1,352	UP (West) as on 31.12.2005	
9 Shrawasti	190	1 Agra	3,766
10 Basti	1,615	2 Aligarh	2,710
11 Saant Kabir	441	3 Bareilly	227
Nagar			

4 Bijnore	1,089	3 Bankura	10,096
5 Bulandshahar	7,436	4 Calcutta	50,232
6 Ghaziabad	4,060	5 Cooh Bihar	4,768
7 Mathura	3,019	6 Jalpaiguri	1,483
8 Meerut	6,022	7 Kharagpur	25,941
9 Moradabad	1,770	8 Krishnagar	5,705
10 Muzaffarnagar	5,073	9 Malda	6,326
11 Noida	215	10 Purulia	3,951
12 Saharanpur	3,686	11 Raiganj	1,602
13 Badaun	0	12 Siliguri	3,277
14 Etah	3,009	13 Suri	8,643
15 Pilibhit	678	14 Gangtok	24
16 Rampur	0	TOTAL	152,181
TOTAL	42,760	0	3,000

Chennai Telecom District as on 31.12.2005	1	Chennai	0
West Bengal Circle as on 31.12.2005	2	Chenglepattu	10,847
1 Asansol	17,256	0	0
2 Berhampore	12,877	0	0
TOTAL			10,847

Kolkatta Telecom District as on 31.12.2005

Kolkata 5,349 0