

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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WAITING LIST IN JAMMU AND KASHMIR
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of the waiting list for telephone connections in important towns, district headquarters and rural areas of Jammu and Kashmir as on July 31,2004;
- (b) the details of sanctioned telephone connections during the last three years in the important towns/cities/district headquarters and rural areas of Jammu and Kashmir and the investment thereon;
- (c) the details of achievements of telecom projects in Jammu and Kashmir during the last two years and the provision of the funds to the State during the same period;
- (d) the outstanding achievements in the field of communication in Jammu and Kashmir during the last two years; and
- (e) the details of new proposals approved/being considered by the Government for Jammu and Kashmir?

Answer

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

(a) The total waiting list for telephone connections as on 31.07.04 in Jammu and Kashmir is 42179.

(b) The number of sanctioned telephone connections in Jammu and Kashmir and the investment on capital works during the last three years are furnished below:

| | 2001-02 | 2002-03 | 2003-04 |
|----------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Connections (no. of lines) | 49278 | 41266 | 64673 |
| Investment (in crores of Rs.) | 117.255 | 110.529 | 82.999 |

(c) The details of achievements under various telecom projects during the last two years in J & K Circle are furnished below:

| Name of projects | Achievement during | |
|--|--------------------|---------|
| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 |
| Mobile connections | - | 40100 |
| Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) connections | 3247 | 3872 |
| Wired connections | 38019 | 20701 |
| New Exchanges | 13 | 01 |
| New VPTs (Village Public Telephones) | 177 | 537 |
| VPTs replaced by WLL | 208 | 385 |
| OFC Laid (Route Kilometers) | 730 | 270.138 |
| M/W (Route Kilometers) | 285 | 35 |

The funds allocated in the state for capital works during the last two years are as under:

| Year | Amount |
|---------|-------------------|
| 2002-03 | Rs. 125.74 Crores |
| 2003-04 | Rs. 111.55 Crores |

(d) The outstanding achievements in the field of telecommunication in Jammu & Kashmir during the last two years are given below:

| Outstanding Achievement during 2002-03 | Outstanding Achievement during 2003-04 | |
|---|--|-------|
| Switching capacity for mobile connections | - | 37200 |
| Mobile connections provided | | 40100 |
| Switching capacity for WLL connections | 7500 | 2000 |
| WLL connections provided | 3247 | 3872 |

(e) The details of new proposals planned during 2004-05 for J&K Circle are given below:

| | | |
|-----------------------------|---|----------------------|
| WLL Connections | = | 43000 Lines |
| Cellular Mobile Connections | = | 50000 Lines |
| Wireline Connections | = | 10,000 Lines |
| Optical Fiber Cable | = | 400 Route Kilometers |
| Village Public Telephones | = | 1234 Nos. |