

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3105  
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TELEPHONE FACILITY TO VILLAGES  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) the State-wise status of villages deprived of telecommunication facilities;
- (b) the number of villages registered/listed in the waiting-list of telephone connection facility, State-wise; and
- (c) the details of action plan for installing telecommunication systems in the rural areas of the country?

**Answer**

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

- (a) Circle-wise details of villages deprived of telephone facility in the rural areas of the country is given in the Annexure-I
- (b) The number of villages awaiting telephone facilities is given in (a) above. The registered waiting list for telephone connections in the rural areas as on 30.6.2004 is 1353458. The circle-wise details of waiting list is given in the Annexure-II.
- (c) It is planned to provide 10.5 lakh DELs on WLL/Landline during the current year in the rural areas of the country. In addition, 8061 VPTs are also planned to be provided in the rural areas during the current year.

**ANNEXURE-I**

**NUMBER OF UNCOVERED VILLAGES AS ON 30-6-2004 INCLUDING PRIVATE BASIC SERVICE OPERATOR'S SHARE**

Sl No.	CIRCLES	UNCOVERED	VILLAGES AS ON 30.6.2004
1	ANDAMAN & NICOBAR		3
2	ANDHRA PRADESH		6041
3	ASSAM		4861
4	BIHAR		2602
5	JHARKHAND		4799
6	GUJRAT		6911
7	HARYANA		39
8	HIMACHAL PRADESH		338
9	JAMMU & KASHMIR		1951
10	KARNATAKA		0
11	KERALA		0
12	MADHYA PRADESH		14205
13	CHHATISGARH		5055
14	MAHARASHTRA		10926
15	NORTH-EAST I		2908
16	NORTH-EAST II		3748
17	ORISSA		6236
18	PUNJAB		0
19	RAJASTHAN		15625
20	TAMIL NADU		0
21	UTTAR PRAESH (E)		3792
22	UTTAR PRADESH (W)		2336
23	UTTRANCHAL		3872
24	WEST BENGAL		1031
25	CALCUTTA		0
26	CHENNAI		0

TOTAL

97279

## ANNEXURE-II

## REGISTERED WAITING LIST FOR TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS IN THE RURAL AREAS ON 30-6-2004

Sl No.	CIRCLES/METRO DISTRICT	RURAL WAITING LIST AS ON 30.6.2004
1	ANDAMAN & NICOBAR	116
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	25964
3	ASSAM	10726
4	BIHAR	83468
5	JHARKHAND	4820
6	GUJRAT	53290
7	HARYANA	67493
8	HIMACHAL PRADESH	41246
9	JAMMU & KASHMIR	14370
10	KARNATAKA	77751
11	KERALA	367559
12	MADHYA PRADESH	11595
13	CHHATISGARH	994
14	MAHARASHTRA	140709
15	NORTH-EAST I	4570
16	NORTH-EAST II	2121
17	ORISSA	15314
18	PUNJAB	66092
19	RAJASTHAN	121018
20	TAMIL NADU	37338
21	UTTAR PRAESH (E)	68402
22	UTTAR PRADESH (W)	20733
23	UTTRANCHAL	2800
24	WEST BENGAL	114969
25	CALCUTTA	0
26	CHENNAI	0
	TOTAL	1353458