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COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK ALONG BORDER
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian communications network is available to the people living along the border of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) Wireline communication network is available along most part of the border of the country, whereas, wireless network is operative in few areas only.

(b) The details of such telephone exchanges are as under:

Sl.No. State/Circle Number of Exchanges

- 1. Assam 16
- 2. Bihar 26
- 3. Gujarat 32
- 4. Himachal Pradesh 32
- 5. Jammu & Kashmir 31
- 6. North East 61
- 7 Punjab 74
- 8. Rajasthan 20
- 9. Uttaranchal 17
- 10. Uttar Pradesh 23
- 11. West Bengal 85

(c) & (d) Permission to erect towers for Base Transceive Stations within 10 Kms of international border is accorded on case to case basis due to security reasons.