

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TELEDENSITY IN WEST BENGAL
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of telephone exchanges in West Bengal, indicating existing capacity of each exchange as on December 31, 2005 which are earmarked to be upgraded along with their timeframe;
- (b) whether the BSNL mobile phone connections are available on demand in West Bengal;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the details of post-paid and pre-paid mobile telephone connections of the BSNL in West Bengal;
- (e) the present status of availability of landline telephone in the State;
- (f) whether teledensity in West Bengal is much below the national average; and
- (g) if so, the steps contemplated for its augmentation?

Answer

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

- (a) The details including capacity of telephone exchanges in West Bengal as on 31.12.2005, which were earmarked to be upgraded is given in the Annexure.
- (b) Yes, Sir.
- (c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.
- (d) Number of Mobile telephone connections of BSNL in West Bengal as on 30.04.2006 is as under:
 - (i) Post-Paid = 1,43,480
 - (ii) Pre-paid = 9,79,888
- (e) Landline telephones are available on demand in most of the exchanges of West Bengal. However, there is a scattered waitlist of about 1,28,213 as on 31.3.2006.
- (f) Sir, the teledensity of West Bengal is 10.26 as against the national average of 12.74.
- (g) To meet the scattered demand, Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) with Fixed Wireless Terminal (FWT) is being used along with wide coverage of Global System for Mobile Communication (GSM) upto sub-division level. The number of lines planned for West Bengal in these two categories upto December 2007 is as follows:

2006-07 2007-08 (upto Dec.
2007)
GSM Mobile 20,97,700 18,09,100

Landline and WLL 4,16,200 4,40,400

ANNEXURE

STATUS OF TELEPHONE EXCHANGES IN WEST BENGAL WHICH WERE UPGRADED TILL 31.3.2006

S1. Secondary Name of Exchange Exchange
No. Switching Area capacity as on
(SSA) 31.12.05

1	Asansol	Chinchuria	496
2	do	Churulia	496
3	do	Dhadka	2250
4	do	Domohani	1000
5	do	Hill-View	3500
6	do	Jhanjra	1250
7	do	Khottadihi	744
8	do	Ukhra	3250
9	do	Ushagram	1500
10	do	Bajepratappur	RSU 2000
11	do	Bankura More	RSU 1500
12	do	Borsul	RSU 1500
13	do	Debpur	976
14	do	Gangatikuri	496
15	do	Ketugram	496
16	do	Keuguri	496
17	do	Mondalgram	976
18	do	Nadanghat	496
19	do	Nigon	496
20	do	Nutanhat	496
21	do	Patuli	1000
22	do	Piplon	976
23	Bankura	Bankura	13088
24	do	Bishnupur	5000
25	do	BSP Industry	1000
26	do	Dhagoria	496
27	do	Garhraipur	1000
28	do	Onda	1000
29	do	Saldiha	1000
30	Berhampur	Barjumla	750
31	do	Berhampore	16750
32	do	Bharatpur	1500
33	do	Cossimbazar	1000
34	do	Khagra	2000
35	do	Lalgola	2000
36	do	Murshidabad	2000
37	do	Nabagram	750
38	do	Panchgram	1000
39	do	Salar	2000
40	do	Shaktipur	1500
41	do	Simanapara	1000
42	Calcutta	Basirhat	7000
43	do	Chaital	496
44	do	Dhanpota Bazar	496
45	do	Hingalganj	496
46	do	Kalinagar-I	496
47	do	Kalinagar-II	496
48	do	Katiahhat	1000
49	do	Kharibari	1400
50	do	Nataberia	496
51	do	Sandeshkhali	496
52	do	Basanti	1000
53	do	Co Thek	496
54	do	Gangasagar	500
55	do	Karanjali	496
56	do	Kultali	496
57	do	Nischintapur	1000
58	do	Rudranagar	1000
59	do	Thakuraniberia	496
60	do	Bakulia	496
61	do	Chiladangi	496
62	do	Harinkhola	496
63	do	Haripur	496
64	do	Khanakul	1500
65	do	Khusiganj	248
66	do	Rameswarpur	1500
67	do	Seapur	496
68	do	Ajodhya	496
69	do	Chitrasenpur	1000
70	do	Gangadharpur	1000
71	do	Kalyanpur	1000
72	do	Khalna	1000
73	do	Maju	496

74 do	Sasati	496
75 do	Udang	496
76 Cooch Bihar	Choudhurihat	496
77 do	Guriahati	1500
78 do	Kalighat	1500
79 do	Nazirhat	496
80 do	Ranirhat	496
81 do	Sitaihat	496
82 Gangtok	Sang	496
83 do	Melli	496
84 do	Temi Bzr	496
85 Jalpaiguri	Alipurduar Jn.	1500
86 do	Falakata	3000
87 do	Haldibari	1128
88 do	Jalpaiguri	11000
89 do	Joygaon	2750
90 do	Looksan	496
91 do	Pandapara	3500
92 do	Raninagar	1000
93 do	Shantipara	4000
94 Krishnagar	Bhatjangla	2000
95 do	Ghurni	2000
96 do	Krishnagar	4000
97 do	Mayapur	1000
98 do	Shaktinagar	2000
99 Malda	Bangi Tola	1000
100 do	Golap Ganj	1000
101 do	Mahadi Pur	1000
102 do	Malda-Main (OCB-R)	4000
103 Raiganj	Raiganj	8000
104 do	Linebazar	4500
105 do	Shyampur	1500
106 Siliguri	Bijanbari	1000
107 do	Darjeeling	7400
108 do	Ghoom	1250
109 do	Mirik	1000
110 do	Sukhiapokhri	1000