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TELECOM FACILITIES IN TRIBAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether people of tribal areas, adjacent to Indo-Nepal border, of Lakhimpur-Kheri, Uttar Pradesh are facing difficulties in the absence of telecommunication facilities in the region;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to provide telecommunication facilities in tribal area of Lakhimpur-Kheri;
- (c) whether the Government has faced any problems to lay cable in and around Dudhwa National Park;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (f) the time by which the telecommunication facilities are likely to be provided in the said region?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Telecom facilities are being provided to the people of tribal area of Lakhimpur Khiri adjacent to India-Nepal Border through following exchanges:

Sl. No.	Name of Exchange	Type of Exchange	Capacity	Working Connection
1.	Chandan Chowki	C-DOT	256	157
2.	Sampoorna Nagar	RSU	2000	858
3.	Vishanpuri	RSU	500	248
4.	Singahi	RSU	500	369

Apart from above, mobile telephone services have been made operational by commissioning Basic Transceiver Signal (BTS) at Vishanpuri and Singahi during 2006-07.

(c)&(d) It has been planned to lay Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) for Chandan Chowki Exchange which is working on microwave system. Dudhwa National Park lies in the forest area. OFC is required to be laid from Palia to Chandan Chowki through forest area of Dudhwa National Park. Forest authorities have, therefore, been requested to give necessary permission for laying of cable and their permission is awaited.

(e) & (f) Telecom facilities already exist in the area. Expansion works at Chandan Chowki is estimated to be completed within six months of receipt of permission from forest authorities for laying of OFC.