

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

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OPENING OF TELEGRAPH OFFICE  
Gawali Smt. Bhavana Pundlikrao

**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government propose to open telegraph offices and install telephone exchange with STD facility in the country especially in North-Eastern States and Sikkim during the year 2007-08; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

**Answer**

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

(a) Sir, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited has planned to install 136 telephone exchanges in its network with STD facility during 2007-08 out of which 8 exchanges shall be opened in North-East region. There is no proposal to install exchanges in Assam and Sikkim during this financial year. Also, there is no proposal to open telegraph offices in the country.

In MTNL, no new landline exchanges are being opened except redeployment of some exchanges equipment to meet the requirement of new areas. All existing exchanges are having STD facility.

(b) Telecom circle wise details of telephone exchanges proposed to be installed in BSNL's network during 2007-08 are given in the Annexure.