

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

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DEMAND AND SUPPLY OF CABLES  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the BSNL is unable to give adequate cables to telephone exchanges in accordance with requirements in the country particularly in Kerala;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of demand and supply in Kerala, location-wise; and
- (d) the action taken/being taken to provide adequate cables to all exchanges in Kerala?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d) Due to litigation in the cable tender in the year 2003-04, there was delay in finalisation of the tender and allotment of cable to the circles. After finalisation of the cable tender sufficient cable was allotted to circles as per requirement. In respect of Kerala circle 4.6 LCKM cable was allotted in November 2003 from Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) quota and 21.08 LCKM cable was allotted in March 2004 from cable tender 2003-04.

Against total requirement of 28.03 LCKM for 2003-04 in Kerala circle, 25.68 LCKM of cable has been allotted. Kerala circle will further allocate the cable to different locations in the circle as per requirement.

For the requirement of the year 2003-04 sufficient cable (25.68 LCKM) has been allotted to Kerala circle. Cable ordered is expected to be supplied in phased manner by the firms and the supply is likely to be completed by October 2004.