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WAITING LIST OF TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS IN BIHAR
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of waiting list of telephone connections in all the major cities, district headquarters and rural areas of Bihar as on date;
- (b) the details regard to telephone connections provided during the last three years and amount spent thereon; and
- (c) the new Telecom schemes under consideration of the Government?

Answer

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

- (a) The details of waiting list of fixed telephone connections in all the major cities, district headquarters and rural areas of Bihar as on 31.05.2004 is given in the annexure.
- (b) The details in regard to telephone connections provided during the last three years in Bihar Telecom Circle by BSNL and amount spent thereon is given below:

Year	Telephone connections provided (No. on lines)	Amount spent (Rs. In Crores)
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2001-02	214161	371.305
2002-03	161075	180.413
2003-04	143599	46.00

- (c) The details of the new Telecom Schemes under consideration of the BSNL are given below:

- i) Expansion of Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) (1,30,000 Connections) and Cellular Mobile Telephone Services (CMTS) (2,78,300 Connections) in the year 2004-05.
- ii) Managed Leased Line Network (MLLN) equipment at Patna, Muzaffarpur, Darbhanga, Bhagalpur, Begusarai, Gaya, Hajipur & Katihar.
- iii) Direct Internet Access System (DIAS) at Muzaffarpur.
- iv) Account less internet services at Patna.
- v) SMS on wired lines at Patna.

ANNEXURE

Waiting List as on 31.05.2004

Sl. No.	Category of the Cities	Name of the Cities/Towns	Waiting List
1	Important Cities in Bihar Circle	Patna	1903
2		Muzaffarpur	221
3		Bhagalpur	24
4		Gaya	594
5		Darbhanga	135
6		Katihar	18
7		Chapra	397
8	District HQ	Arrah	680
9		Buxor	184
10		Begusarai	229
11		Bettiah	108
12		Banka	0
13		Gopalganj	786
14		Siwan	3205
15		Madhubani	330
16		Arwal	175
17		Aurangabad	86
18		Jahanabad	77
19		Nawada	114
20		Hajipur	79
21		Araria	3
22		Purnea	46
23		Khagaria	62
24		Kishanganj	4
25		Motihari	19
26		Jamui	139
27		Munger	437
28		Shekhpura	16
29		Lakhisarai	108
30		Sheohar	203
31		Sitamarhi	988
32		Biharsharif	814
33		Bhabhua	79
34		Sasaram	168
35		Madhepura	0
36		Sharsa	10
37		Supaul	2
38		Samastipur	110

Rural areas of Bihar Circle

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