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Title: Need to provide telephone connections to waitlisted subscribers in Balasore and other areas of Orissa. – Laid.

SHRI ARJUN SETHI (BHADRAK): Due to acute shortage of Cable wires as well as WLL sets in the Orissa circle of Telecommunications; thousands of telephone users have been waiting since years together to get telephones having deposited the money with the Telecom. Authorities in the state in general and the Balasore STCA in particular. Another thousand of people have been on the queue for depositing the required amounts with the Deptt. for enrolling themselves and becoming the telephone users. But nothing has been done for them because of the so called shortage of materials.

It is said no material has been supplied by the H.F.C.L; although indents had been made by the C.G.M.T, Orissa circle a year ago. Similarly cable wires have not been supplied to the circle for the last one year.

In my parliamentary constituency of Bhadrak of Orissa there are telephone Exchanges such as Dhusuri, Bonth, Akhuapada, Agarpada, Dham-Nagar, Oupada, RajBerhampur, Ajodhya, Chandbali, Khaira, etc., where the waiting list of subscribers have crossed 200 and above. Even the priority quota of the M.Ps sanctioned have not been provided with the connections for years together.

So, I urge upon the Govt. to make available adequate materials such as cable wires and "WLL Sets" to the C.G.M.T circle of Orissa to provide immediate telephone connections to the waitlisted subscribers and MPs Priority Quota of telephones sanctioned thereof.