

(b) As on 31.1.2000, 1681 persons are in the waiting list in the State. District-wise details are given in the enclosed statement (*see* below).

(c) The waiting list is likely to be cleared by May, 2000.

(d) For clearing the waiting list, capacity of exchanges in different places, is being expanded.

STATEMENT

District-wise waiting list in Arunachal Pradesh (As on 31. 1.2000)

Sl. No.	Name of District	Waiting list
1.	Tirap	102
2.	Lohit	41
3.	Dibang Valley	54
4.	East Siang	352
5.	West Siang	230
6.	Upper Siang	105
7.	Lower Subansiri	72
8.	Upper Subansiri	345
9.	East Kameng	86
10.	West Kameng	80
11.	Changlang	194
12.	Tawang	13
13.	Papumpare	7
Total		1681

Setting up of Electronic Exchange in Arunachal Pradesh

2005. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of electronic telephone exchanges set up in Arunachal Pradesh during the last 3 years;

(b) the details of electronic telephone exchanges in the State proposed to be set up during the Ninth Five Year Plan; and

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(c) the steps being taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) During the last three years i.e. 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99, twenty five (25) electronic exchanges have been set up in Arunachal Pradesh.

(b) For the first four years of the Ninth Plan the target is for 28 exchanges. For the last year of the plan (2001-2002) the target will be 7.

(c) All necessary steps like procurement of land, construction of building, procurement of equipment and other stores are being done to achieve the targets.

Setting up of Exchanges

†2006. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a target for setting up 1385 new exchanges (C-256 port) of low capacity during 1998-99;

(b) if so, the details of the target set for Western and Eastern U.P. circles;

(c) the details of the comparative achievement of the targets; and

(d) the target set for 1999-2000 and the details of progress thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) and (b) For the year 1998-99, a target of 1385 new telephone exchanges was set up for the whole country. The target for UP(West) was 84 exchanges and for UP(East), was 201 exchanges.

(c) and (d) The details of the comparative achievement of target for the year 1998-99, the targets set for 1999-2000 and achievement made so far (upto 29.2.2000) are given in the enclosed statement.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.