

Statement**Assam Telecom Circle**

The number of telephone connection provided in Assam during the years district-wise are as follows:

Name of District	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99 Upto November 1998
Kamrup	3519	4758	2613	8405	7125
Bongaigaon	510	710	300	462	240
Dhubri	400	611	322	725	262
Kokrajhar	200	390	182	150	48
Goalpara	145	200	193	435	150
Barpeta	232	636	526	724	45
Naibari	255	226	520	474	23
Jorhat	671	994	1073	3136	131
Golaghat	279	524	736	1764	212
Sibsagar	523	749	700	2354	305
Nagaon	1105	1173	1110	4682	894
Morigaon	359	189	396	442	298
Karbi Anglong	167	214	60	331	141
Sonitpur	661	1922	1416	1783	339
Daurang	184	405	579	936	172
Lakhimpur	141	675	617	679	182
Dhemaji	93	265	411	337	61
Dibrugarh	900	1350	1800	1857	213
Tinsukia	890	1324	2090	3544	435
Cachar	1027	1896	1220	2792	408
Karimganj	663	769	450	328	247
Hailakandi	59	275	125	96	152
N.C. Hills	120	40	69	41	61
GRAND TOTAL	13103	20295	18003	36477	12154

**New Post Offices in Kendrapara District
of Orissa**

2069. SHRI S. NIRAIKULATHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of applications requesting for opening new post offices in the rural areas of Kendrapara district in Orissa are pending with the department for the last five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how many new post offices are proposed to be opened in Orissa during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) and (b)

No sir, only one application for opening of new Post Office at Madhupur Village is under examination and is pending finalisation due to non-receipt of complete information.

(c) A target for opening of Ten (10) Departmental Branch Post Offices and two (2) Departmental Sub Post Offices has been fixed for Orissa Circle during the current Plan 1998-99; subject to availability of resources.

**Telephone connections in Dakshinpuri
Extension**

2070. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of O.Bs issued by the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd. under the Nehru Place Telephone Exchange during the year 1998 so far;