

Introduction of cellular telephones in Karnataka by BSNL

473. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether cellular telephones have been introduced in Karnataka by Bharat SancharNigam Limited;
- (b) if not, by when, the same would be introduced; and
- (c) the places where this facility would be provided?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The network roll out is expected in the next financial year subject to the placement of purchase orders.

(c) District headquarters, important pilgrimage centres and highways.

Scrapping of Telecom Advisory Panels

474. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government have since scrapped Telecom Advisory Panels;
- (b) if so, the names thereof and the date since when these have been scrapped;
- (c) the expenditure per annum which is likely to be saved as a result thereof; and
- (d) what concrete steps Government have taken so that such Advisory Panels are not constituted/formed in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. All the Telephone Advisory Committees (TACs) in the country have been dissolved on 24.09.2001. The names of TACs are given in the Statement (See below).

(c) Rs. 23 crore (approximately) per annum are likely to be saved.

(d) Objectives of constituting TACs are being best served in Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) by adoption of innovative mechanisms as the monthly Press Conferences, quarterly Telephone Adalats, quarterly Open House Sessions and quarterly meetings of

concerned Chief General Managers with Hon'ble Members of Parliament of the respective area. Further, in the changed competitive environment, all the service providers are expected to strive to provide best quality service. Nevertheless, all the service providers including the Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) under the administrative control of Department of Telecom (DoT) have been advised to evolve more suitable mechanisms for interfacing with the customers in an effective manner to enhance the customer satisfaction.

Statement

State-wise list of Telephone Advisory Committees

ANDHRA PRADESH

Sl.No	Name of TAC	Sl.No.	Name of TAC
1.	Andhra (Circle)	13.	Mehboobmagar
2.	Anantpur (Guntakal)	14.	Nalgonda
3.	Chhittoor (Tirupathi)	15.	Nellore
4.	Cuddapah	16.	Nizamabad
5.	East Godavari (RMY)	17.	Prakasam (Ongole)
6.	Guntur	18.	Visakhapatnam
7.	Hyderabad	19.	West Godavari (Eluru)
8.	Karimnagar	20.	Warrangal
9.	Khammam	21.	Vizianagaram
10	Krishna (VW)	22.	Adilabad
11	Kurnool	23.	Srikakulam
12	Medak(Sangareddy)		

ASSAM

Sl.No.	Name of TAC	Sl.No.	Name of TAC
1.	Assam (Circle)	5.	Lakhimpur (Dibrugarh)
2.	Cachar (Silchar)	6.	Sibsagar(Jorhat)
3.	Kokrajhar (Bongaigaon)	7.	Tejpur (Sonitpur)
4.	Kamrup (Guwahati)	8.	Nagaon

BIHAR

Sl.No.	Name of TAC	Sl.No.	Name of TAC
1.	Bihar (Circle)	11.	Saharsa
2.	Darbhanga	12.	Arrah
3.	Gaya	13.	Hazipur
4.	Muzaffarpur	14.	Sasaram
5.	Patna (Central)	15.	Khagaria
6.	Patna (East)	16.	Samastipur
7.	Katihar	17.	Motihari
8.	Bhagalpur	18.	Madhubani
9.	Chapra	19.	Siwan
10.	Munger	20.	Kishanganj

JHARKHAND

Sl.No.	Name of TAC	Sl.No.	Name of TAC
1.	Jharkand (Circle) —Ranchi	5.	Hazaribagh
2.	Daltonganj	6.	Jamshedpur
3.	Dhanbad	7.	Ranchi
4.	Geoghar (Dumka)		

GUJARAT

Sl.No.	Name of TAC	Sl.No.	Name of TAC
1.	Gujarat (Circle)	10.	Mehsana
2.	Ahmedabad	11.	Panchmahal (Godhra)
3.	Banaskantha (Planpur)	12.	Rajkot
4.	Bharuch	13.	Sabarkantha (Hmt Nagar)
5.	Bhavnagar	14.	Surat
6.	Jamnagar	15.	Surendernagar
7.	Junagarh	16.	Vadodara
8.	Kheda (Nadiad)	17.	Valsad (Bulsad)
9.	Kutch(Bhuj)	18.	Amreli

HIMACHAL PRADESH

SI.No.	Name of TAC	SI.No.	Name of TAC
f.	Himachal (Circle)	5.	Shimla
2.	Dharamshala(Kangra)	6.	Solan
3.	Hamirpur	7.	Kullu
4.	Mandi		

HARYANA

SI.No.	Name of TAC	SI.No.	Name of TAC
1.	Haryana (Circle)	6.	Rohtak
2.	Ambala	7.	Jind
3.	Faridabad	8.	Sonipat
4.	Hissar	9.	Gurgaon
5.	Karnal	10.	Namaul (Rewari)

JAMMU & KASHMIR

SI.No.	Name of TAC	SI.No.	Name of TAC
1.	J&K(Circle)	3.	Srinagar
2.	Jammu	4.	Udhampur

KERALA

SI.No.	Name of TAC	SI.No.	Name of TAC
1.	Kerala (Circle)	7.	Palghat
2.	Alleppey	8.	Pathanamthitta (Tiruvala)
3.	Calicut (Kojikode)	9.	Quilon
4.	Cannanore	10.	Trichur
5.	Emakulam	11.	Trivandrum
6.	Kottayam	12.	Malappuram

KARNATAKA

SI.No.	Name of TAC	SI.No.	Name of TAC
1.	Karnataka (Circle)	11.	Kolar
2.	Bangalore	12.	Kodagu (Medikeri)
3.	Belgaum	13.	Mangalore (D. Kannada)
4.	Bellary	14.	Mysore
5.	Bijapur	15.	Raichur
6.	Devangere	16.	Shimoga
7.	Gulbarga	17.	Tumkur
8.	Hasan	18.	Chikmagalore
9.	Hubli (Dharwad)	19.	Mandya
10.	Karwar (U. Kannada)	20.	Bidar

MAHARASHTRA

SI.No.	Name of TAC	SI.No.	Name of TAC
1.	Maharashtra (Circle)	17.	Raigadh (Pen)
2.	Ahmednagar	18.	Ratnagiri
3.	Akola	19.	Sangli
4.	Amravati	20.	Satara
5.	Aurangabad	21.	Sholapur
6.	Chandrapur	22.	Bhandara
7.	Dhule(Dhulia)	23.	Buldana (Khamgaon)
8.	Jalgaon	24.	Latur
9.	Kalyan	25.	Beed (Bhir)
10.	Kohlapur	26.	Parbhani
11.	Nagpur (North)	27.	Wardha
12.	Nagpur (South)	28.	Yeotmal
13.	Nanded	29.	Sindhudurg (Kudal)
14.	Nasik	30.	Osmanabad
15.	Panjim(Goa)	31.	Jalna
16.	Pune		

MADHYA PRADESH

SI.No.	Name of TAC	SI.No.	Name of TAC
1.	M.P. (Circle)	13.	Ujjain
2.	Bhopal	14.	Dewas
3.	Dhar	15.	Chindwara
4.	Gwalior	16.	Sagar
5.	Hoshangabad (Itarsi)	17.	Satna
6.	Indore	18.	Guna
7.	Jabalpur	19.	Rewa
8.	Khandwa	20.	Shivpuri
9.	Khargone	21.	Shajapur
10.	Mandsaur	22.	Shahdol
11.	Morena	23.	Betul
12.	Ratlam		

CHHATTISGARH

SI.No.	Name of TAC	SI.No.	Name of TAC
1.	Chhattisgarh (Circle)-Raipur	4.	Raipur
2.	Bilaspur	5.	Raigarh
3.	Durg	6.	Bastar (Jagdalpur)

NORTHEAST-1

SI.No.	Name of TAC	SI.No.	Name of TAC
1.	North East-1 (Circle)-Shillong	3.	Mizoram (Aizwal)
2.	Agartala (Tripura)	4.	Shillong

NORTH EAST-II

SI.No.	Name of TAC	SI.No.	Name of TAC
1.	North East-II (Circle)-Dimapui	3.	Imphal (Manipur)
2.	Dimapur (Nagaland)	4.	Arunachal Pradesh (Itanagar)

ORISSA

SI.No.	Name of TAC	SI.No.	Name of TAC
1.	Orissa (Circle)	7.	Sambalpur
2.	Berhampur	8.	Koraput
3.	Bhubneshwar	9.	Balasore
4.	Cuttack	10.	Bolangir
5.	Dhenkanal	11.	Baripada
6.	Rourkela	12.	Bhawanipatna

PUNJAB

SI.No.	Name of TAC	SI.No.	Name of TAC
1.	Punjab (Circle)	7.	Ludhiana
2.	Amritsar	8.	Pathankot
3.	Bhatinda	9.	Patiala
4.	Ferozepur	10.	Sangrur
5.	Hoshiarpur	11.	Ropar
6.	Jalandhar		

RAJASTHAN

SI.No.	Name of TAC	SI.No.	Name of TAC
1.	Rajasthan (Circle)	12.	Nagaur
2.	Ajmer	13.	Pali
3.	Alwar	14.	Sikar
4.	Bhilwara	15.	Sirohi (Abu Road)
5.	Bikaner	16.	Sriganganagar

SI.No.	NameofTAC	SI.No.	NameofTAC
6.	Jaipur	17.	Udaipur
7.	Jhunjhunu	18.	Swaimadhapur
8.	Jodhpur	19.	Churu
9.	Bharatpur	20.	Chittorgarh
10.	Banswara	21.	Barmer
11.	Kota	22.	Tonk

TAMIL NADU

SI.No.	NameofTAC	SI.No.	Name of TAC
1.	Tamil Nadu (Circle)	10.	Nilgiri (Coonoor/Ooty)
2.	Chengalpet (Kanchipuram)	11.	Salem
3.	Coimbatore	12.	Thanjavur
4.	Cuddalore	13.	Tirunelveli
5.	Erode	14.	Trichy
6.	Karaikudi	15.	Tuticorin
7.	Kaveri Delta (Kumbakonam)	16.	Vellore
8.	Madurai	17.	Virudhunagar
9.	Nagarcoil	18.	Dharmapuri

UTTAR PRADESH (ZONAL)

SI.No.	NameofTAC
1.	Dehradun
2.	Varanasi
3.	Lucknow

UTTAR PRADESH (EAST)

SI.No.	NameofTAC	SI.No.	NameofTAC
1.	Allahabad	19.	Sultanpur
2.	Gorakhpur	20.	Gonda
3.	Jhansi	21.	Mainpuri

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RAJYA SABHA

Sl.No.	Name of TAC	Sl.No.	Name of TAC
4.	Kanpur	22.	Sitapur
5.	Lucknow (Central)	23.	Shahajahanpur
6.	Mau	24.	Jaunpur
7.	Varanasi	25.	Ballia
8.	Azamgarh	26.	Lucknow (Trans Gomti)
9.	Barabanki	27.	Kanpur Dehat
10.	Etawah	28.	Orai
11.	Faizabad	29.	Hardoi
12.	Famikhabad	30.	Hamirpur
13.	Behraich	31.	Pratapgarh
14.	Mirzapur	32.	Banda
15.	Rai Bareilly	33.	Ghazipur
16.	Unnao	34.	Deoria
17.	Lakhimpur Khiri	35.	Fatehpur
18.	Basti		

UTTAR PRADESH (WEST)

Sl.No.	Name of TAC	Sl.No.	Name of TAC
1.	Agra	9.	Saharanpur
2.	Aligarh	10.	Rampur
3.	Bareilly	11.	Bijnore
4.	Ghaziabad	12.	Noida
5.	Mathura	13.	Etah
6.	Meerut	14.	Badayun
7.	Moradabad	15.	Bulandshahar
8.	Muzaffar Nagar		

UTTARANCHAL

Sl. No.	Name of TAC	Sl.No.	Name of TAC
1.	Uttaranchal (Circle)	5.	Uttarkashi(Tehri)
2.	Dehradun	6.	Kotdwar (Srinagar)
3.	Almora	7.	Haridwar
4.	Nainital		

WEST BENGAL

Sl.No.	Name of TAC	Sl.No.	Name of TAC
1.	West Bengal (Circle)	9.	Jalpaiguri
2.	Asansol	10.	Malda
3.	Calcutta SSA	11.	Raiganj
4.	Kharagpur	12.	Suri (Birbhum)
5.	Siliguri	13.	Bankura
6.	Sikkim (Gangtok)	14.	Purulia
7.	Krishna Nagar		
8.	Berhampore		

METRO DISTRICT

Sl.No.	Name of TAC	Sl.No.	Name of TAC
1.	Mumbai (Main)	13.	Delhi (W-I)
2.	Mumbai (N)	14.	Delhi (W-II)
3.	Mumbai (S)	15.	Delhi (N)
4.	Mumbai (E)	16.	Delhi (S-I)
5.	Mumbai (W)	17.	Delhi (S-II)
6.	Calcutta (Main)	18.	Delhi (C)
7.	Calcutta (N)	19.	Delhi (TY)
8.	Calcutta (S)	20.	Chennai
9.	Calcutta (W)	21.	Chennai (N)
10.	Calcutta (C)	22.	Chennai (S)
11.	Delhi (Main)	23.	Chennai (C)
12.	Delhi (E)		

UNION TERRITORIES

Sl.No. NameofTAC	Sl.No. NameofTAC
1. A&N Islands Incl. Port Blair	5. Diu (Under Junagarh).
2. Chandigarh	6. Lakshadweep
3. Dadara & Nagar Haveli	7. Pondicherry
4. Daman (Under Balsad)	

Telephone facilities in villages

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SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a target was fixed to provide telephone in all the villages of the country by March, 2002;

(b) if so, the number of the villages, State-wise which have been provided with telephones, upto September, 2001; and

(c) the number of such villages which are yet to be provided with telephones, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) All villages are planned to be provided with telephone facility with the joint effort of Private Basic Service Operators by 2002 subject to availability of funds and equipment.

(b) and (c) As on 30.9.2001, 4,12,203 villages have been provided with telecom facility and 1,95,288 villages are yet to be provided. State-wise details are given in the enclosed Statement.

Statement*Status of VPTs as on 30-9-2001*

Sl.No.	States	Village with VPTs	Village yet to be covered
1	Andaman & Nicobar	282	-
2	Andhra Pradesh	23,401	6,059
3	Assam	14,593	7,631
4	Bihar	21,756	24,832
5	Jharkhand	7,397	25,223

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.