

**Government stand on Ram Janmabhoomi.  
Babri Masjid issue**

299. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAV-  
RAO JADHAV;

SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:

SHRI PRABHAKAR B. KORE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS  
be pleased to state:

(a) what is the stand of Government on  
the Ram Janmbhoomi-Babri Masjid issue;

(b) the manner in which the problem  
is proposed to be solved: and

(c) what steps are being taken to control  
the communal situation in U. P. on this  
issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI  
SUBODH KANT SAHAY). (a) and (b)  
It is the considered view of the Govern-  
ment that the issue can be resolved in a  
spirit of mutual accommodation by build-  
ing a national consensus. The Government  
has time and again, expressed its firm  
resolve to settle the issue through negotia-  
tions without any precipitate action pending  
a decision by the court.

(c) Maintenance of law and order and  
communal harmony is the primary respon-  
sibility of the State Government con-  
cerned. Both the Central Government  
and the State Government are  
alive to the situation arising out of Ram  
Janam Bhoomi-Babri Masjid issue. How-  
ever, the Central Government provides  
material support in terms of para-military  
forces and equipment to the State Govern-  
ment for effectively controlling the occur-  
rence of communal incidents. The Central  
Government had also circulated the revised  
guidelines for promoting communal har-  
mony and checking the riot situation on  
ground.

**Progress in C-Dot technology**

300. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAV-

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICA-  
TIONS be pleased to state;

(a) what is the progress in C-DOT  
technology in different parts of the coun-  
try;

(b) by when all telephone exchanges of  
the country are likely to be equipped with  
electronic exchanges; and

(c) what is the percentage of conversion  
to electronic exchanges in urban/rural  
areas respectively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF  
THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICA-  
TIONS (SHRI JANESHWARMISHRA):

(a) About 1500 numbers of Private Auto-  
matic Branch Exchanges (PABXs) of C-  
DOT Technology design manufactured by  
different manufacturers have been intro-  
duced in the field.

(ii) About 160 numbers of Rural Auto-  
matic Exchanges (RAXs) of C-DOT de-  
sign (128. Ports) have been installed in  
the field. The process of inducting more  
such exchanges in the field will continue.

(iii) One field trial exchange of 512 ports  
is working satisfactorily in Delhi network.  
Transfer of know-how for manufacture is  
in progress. More exchanges are proposed  
to be installed at a few sites.

(iv) 8000 Port Main Automatic Ex-  
change (MAX) is under field evaluation  
at present in Bangalore network.

(b) No date has been fixed for all tele-  
phone exchanges in the country to be of  
electronic type.

(c) This information is being collected  
and will be laid on the Table of the House  
as soon as possible.