

(b) to (d) The facilities of collection, transmission & delivery of mails are provided in all the villages in the State.

**Telephone facility in Jharkhand**

1216. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the villages in the State of Jharkhand have since been provided with telephone facility;

(b) if not, how many villages are without telephone facility in the State, district-wise; and

(c) the time-frame, if any, set up by Government for providing telephone facility in each village of the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) and (b) No, Sir. In Jharkhand State 20973 inhabited revenue villages are still without telecom facility as on 1.11.2001. District-wise details are given in the enclosed statement (*see below*)

(c) Remaining villages in the Jharkhand State are planned to be provided with telecom facility by December, 2002 subject to availability of funds and equipment.

**Statement**

*Villages without telephone facility as on 1.11.2001 in Jharkhand State*

Sl.No.	Name of District	No. of villages without VPT facility
1.	Bokaro	175
2.	Dhanbad	330
3.	Dumka	2405
4.	Pakur	1037
5.	Jamtara	949
6.	Godda	1451
7.	Sahibganj	1069
8.	Deoghar	1963
9.	Chatra	1467

Sl. No.	Name of District	No. of villages without VPT facility
10.	Hazaribagh	764
11.	Koderma	200
12.	Girdih	2052
13.	Garwa	614
14.	Latehar	521
15.	Palamu	1379
16.	Ranchi	1039
17.	Lohardaga	76
18.	Gumla	579
19.	Simdega	383
20.	E. Singhbhum	497
21.	Saraikek	999
22.	W. Singhbhum	1024
TOTAL:		20973

#### Dolphin connections

1217. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of mobile telephone subscribers who have got connections with MTNL's Cellular Service "Dolphin" as on the 30th September, 2001 in Delhi and Mumbai;

(b) the number of subscribers registered with the private Companies-Air Tel and Sterling Cellular as on the above date; and

(c) the steps being taken to improve working and service of Dolphin?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Mumbai 20234 and Delhi 22692

(b) Air Tel and Sterling Cellular companies are not operative in Mumbai. Their subscriber base in Delhi as on 30.9.2001 is as follows:

Air Tel	4,28,623
Sterling	3,10,901