

Telephone exchanges

†2407. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of telephone exchanges established in the country during the last Five Year Plan, State-wise, including Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) the number of telephone exchanges functioning properly at present;
- (c) whether STD/ISD and Internet services have been provided to all exchanges in the States;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the criteria adopted for extending these facilities to States; and
- (f) the number of telephone exchanges under construction in the country, State-wise and location-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI MILIND DEORA): (a) to (e) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has established 624 Telephone Exchanges in the country including Madhya Pradesh during the last Five Year Plan. Circle-wise details are given in Statement-I (*See below*). All the exchanges of BSNL are functioning properly and are capable to provide STD/ISD and Internet services.

(f) At present, 24 telephone exchanges are under construction in BSNL. The State-wise and location-wise details are given in Statement-II (*See below*).

Statement-I*Telephone Exchanges of BSNL established during the last Five Year Plan*

Sl. No.	Circles Name	Telephone Exchange established during the last Five Year Plan
1	2	3
1.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	3
2.	Assam	8

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1	2	3
3.	Andhra Pradesh	20
4.	Bihar	42
5.	Chhattisgarh	50
6.	Chennai TD	19
7.	Gujarat	52
8.	Haryana	19
9.	Himachal Pradesh.	3
10.	Jammu and Kashmir	8
11.	Jharkhand	24
12.	Karnataka	79
13.	Kerala	9
14.	Kolkata TD	36
15.	Madhya Pradesh.	29
16.	Maharashtra	64
17.	North East-I	10
18.	North East-II	3
19.	Odisha	30
20.	Punjab	4
21.	Rajasthan	26
22.	Tamil Nadu	48
23.	Uttar Pradesh (East)	5
24.	Uttar Pradesh (West)	28
25.	Uttarakhand	5
26.	West Bengal	Nil

Statement-II*Telephone exchanges of BSNL under construction*

State	Location
Jammu and Kashmir	Nowgam
Bihar	Nabinagar
West Bengal	Karanjora and Kalaikunda
Gujarat	Vandematram, Piplaj, Gokuldham, Express highway and Gandhinagar Sector-3,
Jharkhand	Tayo Colony and K. K. Singh Colony
Maharashtra	Akola Civil Line, CTO Compound, Shri Ram Tower, Vinay Unique Virar (W), Popaon, BARC, Jagtap Dairy, Restapeth, Shivrith Nagar, Hsg Board Gogal, Hsg Board Sanquelim, Soccord Provorim and Navelim.

Proposals for setting up FPIs

†2408. SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Food Processing Industries (FPIs) functioning in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether it is a fact that proposals from various States for setting up FPIs are under consideration of the Central Government;
- (c) if so, the details of these proposals, State-wise; and
- (d) the details of proposals approved by Government during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. CHARAN DAS MAHANT): (a) This Ministry does not maintain data on the Food Processing Industries (FPIs) functioning in the country, State-wise.

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