

[22 July, 20C4]

RAJYA SABHA

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEELAHMAD):

(a) There are 56230 working telephones in Nagaland.

(b) The district-wise waiting list in Nagaland as on 30th June, 2004 is given below —

SI No.	Name of District	Waiting List
1	Dimapur	126
2	Juluki	2
3	Peren	0
4	Kohima	17
5	Mokokchung	63
6	Kiphre	2
7	Mon	11
8	Tuensang	55
9	Wokha	0
10	Phek	0
11	Zunheboto	40
TOTAL:		316

(c) and (d) The waiting list is due to demand from places where there is no telecom infrastructure in a particular period. The generation of demand is a continuous process which keeps adding to the waiting list. As such, a target date for clearing the waiting list which is a dynamic process cannot be set. To clear the pending waiting list as well as to cater to the fresh demand, BSNL has planned 26000 new telephone connections through fixed lines, WLL (Wireless in Local Loop) and cellular mobile phones in Nagaland during 2004-05.

Expansion of postal communication network in Nagaland

910. SHRI T.R. ZELIANG: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal for expansion of Postal Communication network in the State of Nagaland;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the effective measures being taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD):
(a) to (d) Expansion of postal network is a continuous activity subject to fulfillment of prescribed norms laid down by the Department and availability of resources.

During the first two years of the Tenth Plan the Department has opened 5 Branch Post Offices and 19 Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Kendras in Nagaland. The Department also proposes to support 25 Departmental Sub Post Offices and 36 Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices, sponsored by the State Government, running on Non-returnable Contributions basis, so that existing level of postal facilities are also sustained.

Telephone exchanges in Nagaland

911. SHRI T.R. ZELIANG: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of telephone exchanges functioning at present in Nagaland as on the 30th June, 2004;

(b) the details of the telephone exchanges proposed to be converted into electronic exchanges in the State; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to open more telephone exchanges with latest technology in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD):
(a) The details of telephone exchanges functioning at present in Nagaland as on the 30th June, 2004 is given in the Statement (*See below*).

(b) All the telephone exchanges working in Nagaland are already electronic type.

(c) No new exchange is planned during 2004-05. All existing exchanges are of latest technologies.