

**Electronic telephone exchanges in Nagaland**

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

(a) the details of the electronic telephone exchanges set up during the last three years in the State of Nagaland;

(b) the details of the electronic telephone exchanges proposed to be set up during the next two years; and

(c) by when, these telephone exchanges would be set up in the State and what steps are being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEELAHMAD): (a) Number of electronic telephone exchanges set up during the last three years in Nagaland are as under:—

Year	Exchanges
2001-02	3 [Sechu, Kohima & Chekiya]
2002-03	3 [Longleng, Noklak & Kohima UHF(RSU)]
2003-04	1 [Khonoma]

(b) and (c) Now new electronic telephone exchange is planned to be set up during next two years i.e. 2004-05, 2005-06 as sufficient switching capacity is available.

**Functioning of telephones in Nagaland**

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

(a) the number of telephones functioning properly in the State of Nagaland;

(b) the number of persons are in the waiting list, district-wise, as on the 30th June, 2004;

(c) by when, the waiting list would be cleared; and

(d) the necessary steps being taken by Government in this regard?

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

(a) There are 56230 working telephones in Nagaland.

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

Sl. No.	Name of District	Waiting List
1	Dimapur	126
2	Juluki	2
3	Peren	0
4	Kohima	17
5	Mokokchung	63
6	Kiphire	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;