Out of 26, 6 villages are going to be covered by Inmarsat by 31.01.2003 and 6 more are proposed for Inmarsat. Rest 14 are scattered in the Islands, where Telephone Exchanges are available and will be covered by Land Line.

In addition 40 more remote villages / places have been provided with Telephone facilities.

MARR not working.

One external agency has been engaged for maintenance of MARR, who attends the fault in case of faults and also is monitored by Officer / Staff.

Telephone services from one tribal island to other Islands lines are not available.

In Southern group Tribal area we have provided Telecom services in the following Islands

Sl. No	Name of the Island / Exchange	Type of Exchange	Type of Media	Connected to
1	Car Nicobar	C- DOT 1.2 K	2 MB IDR	Port Blair & Kolkata
2	Kamorta	C-DOT (2 X 256)	2 X 10 Chl. MCPC	Port Blair
3	Campbell Bay	C-DOT (750 Lines)	2 MB IDR	Port Blair
4	Nancowry	C-DOT (256)	7 Chl. MCPC	Port Blair
5	Katchal	C- DOT (256)	7 Chl. MCPC	Port Blair
6	Teressa	C- DOT (256)	10 Chl. MCPC	Port Blair

Out of these exchanges, at times, due to Channel limitations of MCPC VSAT, there may be traffic congestion in exchanges like Kamorta, Katchal, Nancowry and Teressa. However there is a plan to replace MCPC of Kamorta by 2 MB IDR which will give a big relief to the customers of this area. It is also

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