

<p>30. What steps have been taken to fill up the gap between the existing post and telegraph facilities and those required as per the norms? Please indicate the timeframe also.</p>	<p>Geographical situation as such that the natural like sea, river and hilly do make feasibility for opening of post offices in such areas.</p> <p>Remaining areas of this A & N Islands Dvn is full of separate islands stand at far distance from urban area. There is no regular communication for this areas.</p>
<p>Telephones</p> <p>31. Technological advances have made it possible to link up the different nook and corners in the country to one another through telephones. It is possible that certain tribal regions may have not received this facility. Please list out such areas and indicate how it is proposed to cover them in coordination with the government and private telephonic agencies.</p>	<p>Technological advance like satellite communication by using IDR medium has been introduced and working in the following tribal islands of A&N Telecom Circle.</p> <p>a) <u>Car Nicobar</u> is connected to Port Blair as well as Kolkata by using IDR satellite for better connectivity. The other 2 exchanges working in Car Nicobar Island, Lopathy and Sawai have been inter connected to Car Nicobar telephone exchange by the state of the Art of OFC, for better connectivity with Port Blair.</p> <p>b) <u>Nancowry</u> group of Island had been connected to Port Blair by one satellite IDR working at Kamorta Telephone Exchange. The other exchanges in the Nancowry group of islands like Katchal, Teressa and Champion, have already been connected to Port Blair through MCPC systems.</p> <p>c) <u>Great Nicobar</u>. The remote Great Nicobar Island has been connected to P/Blair through satellite IDR media for better connectivity</p>
<p>32. What special steps are being taken by the Ministry to set up more Small Rural Automatic Exchanges not requiring air-conditioning facilities and integrated Time Division Multiple Access - Point to Multipoint device to cover sparsely populated areas which happen to be tribal areas as well as North Eastern Region of the country. Please enumerate the proposals, if any, sent/proposed to be sent by the State Government to the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology.</p>	<p>It has been proposed to install and commission TDMA - PMP System at Kamorta in the Nancowry group of Islands for providing Telecom facility in the scarcely populated area.</p>