

TABLE 14.18
Telephone Facilities in West Bengal Circle
(As on 31st March)

Particulars	1980	1990	2000	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)
Kolkata * :											
1. Number of telephone exchanges	44	56	192	550	544	534	526	526	512	508	509
2. Number of telephones	..	337311	1029121	1374363	1374422	1270929	1199651	975123	930944	847254	765066
3. Number of trunk telephone calls booked (in lakh)	37.62	23.86	4.74	0.10	0.06	0.03	0.02	0.12	0.12	0.11	0.27
4. Number of trunk telephone calls effective only (in lakh)	-	14.98	3.47	0.10	0.05	0.03	0.02	0.11	0.17	0.1	0.1
5. Number of public call offices											
(a) Local	810	2117	14749	28600	33331	29723	26751	32179	31819	27405	25738
(b) S.T.D./Pay Phone	-	-	11744	31406	29350	27305	25768	-	-	-	-
West Bengal (excluding Kolkata) :											
1. Number of telephone exchanges	271	439	932	1385	1385	1384	1380	1379	1365	1366	1365
2. Number of telephones	32628	56338	541131	1117703	1028542	883961	734167	656505	528094	486380	422949
3. Number of trunk telephone calls booked (in '000)	50.06	42.16	8.92	0.18	0.19	0.21	0.24	0.21	0.31	0.27	-
4. Number of trunk telephone calls effective only (in '000)	-	21.10	7.53	0.15	0.11	0.20	0.219	0.198	0.272	0.272	-
5. Number of public call offices :											
(a) Local	555	931	5674	9642	8957	8205	6223	5339	3994	4246	4121
(b) Long distances	-	877	26557**	56043 ^{††}	51224	44370	34748	27850	22564	22722	13470

* Includes Howrah & other suburban exchanges.

Sources : 1) Chief General Manager, Telecom, W.B. Circle.
2) Chief General Manager, Calcutta Telephones.