

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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TELEPHONE DIRECTORY
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether various telecom circles of the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited have no system of updating telecom directories regularly and periodically;
- (b) the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the telecom directories have not been updated for the last two years in the rural areas; and
- (d) if so, the details of the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN S

(a) to (b): Accordingly to the existing policy of BSNL, the telephone directory of every telecom district is to be printed every alternate year & in the intervening year, a supplementary directory is to be printed.

(c) to (d): The telephone directories are printed for each telecom district covering all the areas (Urban & Rural). There is no scheme for printing directories exclusively for rural area. While in many telecom districts, directories are printed regularly, in a few cases these have been delayed due to tender/contractual problems.