

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1427  
ANSWERED ON:26.02.2003  
LOSS TO TELECOM DEPARTMENT  
P.D. ELANGO VAN

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

(a) whether the Government have created any ways and means to reduce the loss to the Telecom Department due to the large number of disconnections made for the non-payment of telephone bills and the refunds made for the surrendered telephone connections; and

(b) the total number of telephone connections provided State-wise and the deposits collected by the Government for providing New Telephone connections till date, State-wise?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SRI MATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. After formation of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited, the Government no longer provides telecom services and, as such, there is no loss to the Telecom Department. Since Government is no longer a Service Provider, no deposit is now being collected by DOT. However, the total number of telephone connection provided by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited as on 31.01.03 is furnished in Annexure.

**ANNEXURE**

NAME OF THE STATE      TOTAL NUMBER OF  
TELEPHONES AS ON 31.01.2003

|                   |         |
|-------------------|---------|
| ANDAMAN & NICOBAR | 35621   |
| ANDHRA PRADESH    | 3312182 |
| ARUNACHAL PRADESH | 51392   |
| ASSAM             | 475619  |
| BIHAR             | 908415  |
| CHATTISGARH       | 296058  |
| GUJRAT            | 3105602 |
| HARYANA           | 1087692 |
| HIMACHAL PRADESH  | 474543  |
| JAMMU & KASHMIR   | 252631  |
| JHARKHAND         | 436371  |
| KARNATAKA         | 2832131 |
| KERALA            | 3036994 |
| MADHYA PRADESH    | 1261584 |
| MAHARASHTRA       | 3972307 |
| MANIPUR           | 40246   |
| MEGHALAYA         | 57660   |
| MIZORAM           | 49224   |
| NAGALAND          | 42648   |
| ORRISA            | 742076  |
| PUNJAB            | 2117717 |
| RAJASTHAN         | 1739993 |
| SIKKIM            | 36820   |
| TAMIL NADU        | 4010131 |
| TRIPURA           | 77308   |
| UTTAR PRADESH     | 3110569 |
| UTTARANCHAL       | 350936  |
| WEST BENGAL       | 2439511 |
| MTNL, DELHI       | 2295916 |
| MTNL, MUMBAI      | 2562970 |