

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

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CHANGE IN PER LINE EXPENDITURE  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether after formation of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) the per line expenditure has been changed drastically; and
- (b) if so, the details of variation from DOT to BSNL status?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SIKDAR)

(a) & (b): There is no drastic variation in Per Line capital cost of installing telephones after formation of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL). However, the per line expenditure on operations is expected to be higher by approximately 10% after taking into account the additional cost on various items like salary and wages on the lines of IDA scales, leave salary and pension contribution, taxes and duties, etc.