

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

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

- (a) whether the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited has fulfilled its targets to provide internet connections to its subscribers in various zones during last one year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI S MAHAJAN)

(a) to (c): Due to open market conditions and also due to the fact that initial capacity needed to be expanded, no specific targets were laid down. However, BSNL has expanded its presence by opening 436 Internet nodes covering 439 revenue districts in the country.