

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

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EXPANSION OF TELECOM SERVICES

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

(a) whether the government have formulated any plan to expand telecom services in the urban and rural areas in the country especially in cellular and limited mobility field during the Tenth Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the amount of investment proposed to be made thereon;

(d) the specific expansion and development plan proposed to be implemented in the State of Orissa in general and scheduled districts in particular; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

Reply in respect of BSNL (Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited):

(a) & (b) Government PSU (Public Sector Undertaking) BSNL has planned to add 367.67 lakh DELs(Direct Exchange Lines) including 223.84 lakh mobile phones and 62.93 lakh WLL (Wireless in Local Loop) phones during Tenth Five Year plan subject to availability of resources. Since circle-wise plan is prepared on yearly basis, the circle-wise details for the current year 2003-04 is furnished at Annexure.

(c) The proposed Tenth Five Year Plan outlay for BSNL is Rs. 66,412 crores out of which Cellular and Limited Mobility is estimated to be Rs.32,599 crores.

(d)&(e) In Orissa, BSNL has planned to provide 37000 connections on wired line, 10,000 new connections on WLL and 90,000 cellular mobile connections during 2003-04 covering all the districts.

Reply in respect of MTNL (Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited):

(a)&(b) Government PSU MTNL has planned to add Switching capacity of 8.12 Lakhs in Delhi and 3.1 lakhs in Mumbai during 10th Five Year Plan which includes 6.6 lakhs of WLL (Wireless in Local Loop) capacity and 12.75 lakhs of Mobile capacity.

(c) MTNL has planned to invest Rs. 5955.46 crores during the 10th Plan period excluding expansion in new service area abroad and National Acquisition and National and International Long Distance operations for which Rs. 6000 Crores are separately earmarked.

(d)&(e) Not applicable.

ANNEXURE

Circle-wise Tentative Targets for Landline, Mobile and WLL connection during 2003-04

Name of Circle for Landline	Target for Mobile connections	Target of WLL connections	Target of Target of	Total
ANDAMAN & NICOBAR	1500	2000	0	3500
ANDHRA PRADESH	9000	350000	90000	449000
ASSAM	30000	38000	15000	83000
BIHAR	135000	60000	60000	255000
CHHATTISGARH	10000	30000	18000	58000
GUJARAT	15000	300000	109000	424000

HARYANA	70000	80000	73000	223000
HIMACHAL PRADESH	35000	20000	20000	75000
JAMMU & KASHMIR	30000	40000	9500	79500
JHARKHAND	36000	40000	20000	96000
KARNATAKA	65000	220000	100000	385000
KERALA	295000	220000	285000	800000
MADHYA PRADESH	36000	70000	70000	176000
MAHARASHTRA	75000	300000	221000	596000
NORTH-EAST-I	13000	50000	6500	69500
NORTH-EAST-II	5500	#	9000	14500
ORISSA	37000	90000	10000	137000
PUNJAB	52000	220000	117000	389000
RAJASTHAN	72000	120000	105000	297000
TAMIL NADU	50000	180000	75000	305000
UTTARNACHAL	23000	40000	10000	73000
UTTAR PRADESH (EAST)	45000	150000	76000	271000
UTTAR PRADESH (WEST)	65000	130000	50000	245000
WEST BANGAL	135000	80000	70000	285000
KOLKATA	40000	70000	22000	132000
CHENNAI	20000	100000	20000	140000
BSNL TOTAL	1400000	3000000	1661000	6061000

Included with North East-I

- Note: 1. Maharashtra includes Goa and excludes MTNL Mumbai.
2. North East-I circle includes Maghalaya, Mizoram and Tripura.
3. North East-II circle includes Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland and Manipur,
4. West Bengal includes Sikkim.