

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:322
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GROWTH OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government owned telecom companies have failed to keep pace with the private sector companies in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the growth of telecommunications in the private sector has registered a growth higher than that of the public sector; and
- (d) if so, the details of the plans formulated to augment the public sector telecom growth in the country?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 322 FOR 21ST MARCH, 2007, REGARDING GROWTH OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS.

(a) to (c) Sir, the growth in telecom sector in the country during the last three years is mainly driven by mobile telephony. Both public sector and private sector have risen to the occasion in this regard. The growth in public sector in this segment during the last three years has been 397%, whereas, the figure for private sector for the same period is 324%

(d) BSNL and MTNL have made plans for addition of 15 million capacity for telephones and additional 6 million broadband capacity during the next year. The PSUs are continuously modernizing their network & providing State of Art services to their customers at highly competitive tariff.