

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:158
ANSWERED ON:08.03.2010
CAPACITY OF TELEPHONE EXCHANGES
Sardinha Shri Francisco

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

- (a) whether the existing capacity of many telephone exchanges in the country particularly in Goa is insufficient;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal to expand the capacity of those telephone exchanges in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (e) the time by which it is likely to be expanded?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI A. RAJA.)

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 158 FOR 8TH MARCH, 2010 REGARDING "CAPACITY OF TELEPHONE EXCHANGES".

(a) & (b) Sir, the existing capacity of the telephone exchanges of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) is sufficient for providing landline telephone connections in their respective service areas. There are 1,56,108 working landline connections of BSNL against the existing capacity of 2,46,344 in Goa. The Circle-wise details of capacity utilization are given in the Annexure.

(c) to (e) BSNL and MTNL have sufficient capacity available in their landline telephone exchanges to cater the demand of new telephone connections. Hence, there is no proposal to expand the capacity of these telephone exchanges in the country.