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SETTING UP OF TELECOM CIRCLES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the number Telecom Circles in the country, as on date, State-wise;
- (b) the name of States which do not have separate Telecom Circles in the country, State-wise; and
- (c) the time by which separate Telecom Circles will be provided in all the States of the country?

Answer

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

(a) Madam, BSNL is having 26 (twenty-six) territorial Telecom Circles (including two Telephone Districts of Kolkata and Chennai) in the country as on date. MTNL is having two telecom circles in Delhi and Mumbai. The details of Territorial Telecom Circles covering the states/ UT in the country are given below:-

Sl. No Name of States/UT in the country Name of the Territorial Telecom Circle

BSNL

1 Andaman & Nicobar islands (UT) Andaman & Nicobar Circle

2 Andhra Pradesh Andhra Pradesh Circle

3 Assam Assam Circle

4 Bihar Bihar Circle

5 Chattisgarh Chattisgarh Circle

6 Gujarat Gujarat Circle

7 Haryana Haryana Circle

8 Himachal Pradesh Himachal Pradesh Circle

9 Jharkhand Jharkhand Circle

10 Jammu & Kashmir Jammu & Kashmir Circle

11 Karnataka Karnataka Circle

12 Kerala Kerala Circle

- 13 Maharashtra Maharashtra Circle
- 14 Goa
- 15 Madhya Pradesh Madhya Pradesh Circle
- 16 Mizoram North East -I Circle, HQ at
- 17 Tripura Shillong (Meghalaya)
- 18 Meghalaya
- 19 Nagaland North East -II Circle, HQ at
- 20 Arunachal Pradesh Dimapur
- 21 Manipur
- 22 Orissa Orissa Circle
- 23 Punjab Punjab Circle
- 24 Rajasthan Rajasthan Circle
- 25 Tamil Nadu Tamil Nadu Circle
Chennai Telephones District
- 26 West Bengal Kolkata Telephones District
West Bengal Circle
- 27 Sikkim
- 28 Uttar Pradesh UP (East) Circle
UP (West) Circle
- 29 Uttrakhand Uttrakhand Circle

MTNL

- 1 Delhi Delhi circle
- 2 Mumbai Mumbai circle

Note: Rest of the Union Territories (UT) are covered under telecom circles as per list given in reply to para, (b) below.

(b) The name of States/ Union Territories which are not having separate Telecom Circle of BSNL are as given below, along with the name of telecom circle in which these are presently covered (indicated within the bracket):-

Goa state (in Maharashtra Telecom Circle) # Meghalaya, Mizoram and Tripura (in NE-I Telecom Circle) # Manipur, Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh (in NE-II Telecom Circle) # Sikkim (in West Bengal Telecom Circle) # UT Puduchery (in Tamilnadu Telecom Circle) # UT Daman & DIU, Dadra and Nagar Havelli (in Gujarat Telecom Circle) # UT Lakshadweep (in Kerala Telecom Circle) # UT Chandigarh (in Punjab Telecom Circle)

(c): At present there is no proposal for creation of any further Telecom Circle for states/ UT's not having a separate telecom circle.