

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

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UNDERGROUND AND OVERHEAD TELEPHONE CABLES  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether an assurance has been given by the Government to change the underground and overhead cables laid from the telephone exchanges situated in different parts of the country especially in Bahedakhaal in development block Kot in district Pauri Garhwal;
- (b) if so, the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (c) the time by which it is likely to be fulfilled?

**Answer**

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

(a) Madam, no assurance for changing all the underground and overhead cables laid from the telephone exchanges has been given by BSNL and MTNL. The decision for changing the faulty/damaged/unserviceable cable is being taken on case to case basis. In case of Bahedakhal exchange, the work order for replacement of damaged underground cable was issued but the work couldn't be completed due to various difficulties in the area. However, service to almost all the affected telephone subscribers have been restored by converting the land line telephone into WLL telephone; the exception being where the subscriber has not accepted WLL connection.

(b)& (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.