

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

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

- (a) whether there is shortage of telephone cables for laying them underground;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the time by which it is likely to be completed in all over the country; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SACHIN PILOT)

(a) No, Madam. On the whole, sufficient underground cables are available in Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) & Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL). Additional requirement of cables in some telecom circles are met through inter-circle diversions.

(b) to (d) Does not arise in view of (a) above.