

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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WIMAX BASED BROADBAND SERVICES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) proposes to provide WiMAX based broadband services on a Franchisee model in the country including rural areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Andhra Pradesh; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) BSNL has already finalized and signed agreement for rolling out WiMAX Broadband services in Urban areas on Franchisee model in the country. Franchisee agreement for rolling out WiMAX Broadband service in Urban areas have been made for Karnataka, Rajasthan, Bihar, Tamilnadu, Uttar Pradesh(West), Orissa, Chennai and Himachal Pradesh in October and November, 2010. Earlier BSNL launched services in Urban areas of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat and Maharashtra Licensing Service Areas (LSAs) through Franchisee model.

In Rural areas, BSNL is deploying equipment on its own for providing wireless Broadband services.