

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

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TELECOM SERVICES  
Jakhar Shri Badri Ram

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

- (a) whether the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has formulated a scheme to grant special status to Rajasthan in regard to telecom services in view of frequent famines there;
- (b) if so, whether the connectivity range of the mobile towers of the neighbouring country are catching signals of our areas;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

- (a) No, Madam. BSNL is paying attention on development of all areas in its area of operation including Rajasthan.
- (b) to (d) No, Madam. BSNL is installing its mobile towers as per License conditions issued by Department of Telecommunications. In line with the licensing conditions, the mobile towers are installed and engineered in such a fashion that radio signal emanating from them fade out when nearing or about to cross international borders and become unusable across such borders.