

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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PROVISION OF LANDLINE CONNECTIONS

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

- (a) the number of Landline/Mobile connections functioning in the country including telecom districts Raigarh and Sarguja in the State of Chhattisgarh, State-wise;
- (b) the increase/decrease made in this regard during the said period from the years 2007-08 to 2009-10, State-wise; and
- (c) the time by which the telephone directory has not been published in the country including the said telecom districts and the time by which it is proposed to be published?

**Answer**

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

(a) A State-wise/Licence area-wise statement indicating the number of Landline/Mobile connections functioning in the country including telecom districts Raigarh and Sarguja in the State of Chhattisgarh is given in Annexure-1.

A Statement indicating number of Landline/Mobile connections functioning in Raigarh and Sarguja in the State of Chhattisgarh (provided by BSNL) is given below:

S. No.	Telecom District	Landline Connections by BSNL as on 31.10.2010	Mobile Connections by BSNL as on 31.10.2010
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1	Raigarh	10806	94671
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2	Sarguja	23723	170312
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(b) State-wise/Licence area- wise Statement of increase of telephone connections during 2007-08 to 2009-10 is given in Annexure-2.

(c) The details of the latest available Telephone Directory published by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and next issue proposed to be published including Raigarh and Sarguja telecom districts, Circle and Secondary Switching Area(SSA)-wise is given in Annexure-3.

The last Telephone Directory by Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL), Delhi for Landline was printed in the year 1999 and Supplementary Directory in the year 2000.

The last Telephone Directory by Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL), Mumbai was published in the year 1999 and the Supplement 2001 has also been printed and distributed to subscribers in the year 2002.

There is no proposal to start the publication of printed directory in MTNL. However, MTNL has been providing updated Landline Directory information of MTNL through (i) 197 – Operator assisted non-metered computerized directory enquiry service (ii) via Internet on MTNL websites.