

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF SIGNAL TOWERS

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

- (a) whether the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has installed signal towers in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Gujarat;
- (c) whether the above signal towers are enough to meet the requirement of telephone and mobile services in the country;
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (e) whether the Government has made any effort to ensure that the above signal towers are not causing inconvenience to the common people;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) 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) & (b) Yes Madam, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has installed signal towers in the country including Gujarat. The circle-wise details are given in the Annexure.
- (c) & (d) In view of dynamic network situation, BSNL keeps progressively adding new towers on the basis of various factors like population, existing customer base, expected customer base, mobile coverage, mobile congestion, available/planned equipment etc. to meet the requirement.
- (e) to (g) BSNL is complying with the directive/guidelines issued by Government (Department of Telecommunications) to ensure that no inconvenience is caused to the common people.