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PROVISION OF TELECOM SERVICES

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

- (a) the details of the telecom services being provided by Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) and Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) in the country, State-wise including Chhattisgarh during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) the details of the facilities out of them above from which subscribers of the some locations including Jashpur district in Chhattisgarh are being kept deprived of alongwith the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of the schemes formulated for making all these facilities available in all the locations of the country; and
- (d) the details of Communications and Information Technology facilities available in urban and rural areas of Rajasthan alongwith the details of future schemes in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) Details of telecom services being provided by MTNL and BSNL are as follows:

MTNL: In its licensed service area of Delhi and Mumbai, MTNL is providing various telecom services, which includes Basic/Landline, Mobile Services {Global System for Mobile Communications (GSM) (2G/3G) and Code Division Multiple Access (CDMA)}, Broadband, Internet Protocol TV (IPTV), Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP), Leased Line, Digital certificate etc.

BSNL: For the last three years, BSNL has been providing the following services progressively in all the states of the country, except Delhi and Mumbai Metros:

Basic services, GSM services, (2G and 3G), Wireless in Local Loop (WLL), Internet and Broadband services, Wi-max services, National Long Distance services, International Long distance services. 3G services and Wi-Max were launched in the year 2008-09 and 2009-10 respectively.

(b) Subject to techno-commercial feasibility, none of the subscribers of the area except Naxal affected areas/locations; including those of Jashpur district in Chhattisgarh are being kept deprived of telecom services. Progressively all the telecom facilities are being provided uniformly across BSNL's area of operation in the country.

(c) In Delhi & Mumbai, MTNL is providing all telecom services on demand subject to technical feasibility & fulfillment of commercial conditions by the prospective subscribers. For rest of the country, BSNL has formulated the following schemes:

i) To improve its reach in far flung areas of the country and quality of service in accordance with the standards prescribed.

ii) BSNL during the current year plans to provide 20 million GSM connections by deploying Base Transceiver Stations (BTSs), 76.45 lakhs Broadband wireline and wireless connections, 15 lakh WIX connections.

iii) BSNL has planned to cover the villages having population more than 1000 progressively in next three years.

(d) Communications and Information Technology facilities available in urban and rural areas of Rajasthan along with the future plans are given as under:

Existing:

1. Landline phone and Internet facility with several Value Added Services.
2. GSM Mobile (2G & 3G) facility from 3582 nos. of 2G BTS and 1026 nos. of 3G BTS with several Value Added Services (VAS).
3. WLL phone and Internet facility based on CDMA Technology by 831 BTS.
4. Landline Broadband facility from 1930 Exchanges.
5. Data card facility for Internet access.
6. Wi-Max Broadband facility from 32 BTS in Rural area.

Future Plan:

1. Expansion in 2G-GSM Mobile Services by addition of about 1589 BTS.
2. Expansion in Broadband port capacity as per requirement.
3. Coverage of all the remaining 393 Exchanges with Landline Broadband facility
4. Expansion of Wi-Max services by installation of 784 BTS in Rural area.