

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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INSTALLATION OF TOWERS IN PANCHAYATS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to install Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) tower in every Panchayat as the absence of the same is causing problems to telephone/mobile subscribers in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the telecom circle-wise waiting lists for basic telephony subscription in the country including Bihar; and
- (d) the time by which all the subscribers are likely to be provided with the telephone connections in the country?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) The provision of mobile network being capital intensive can be done only in phases and as such BSNL is providing services in phased manner including rural areas based on techno commercial viability of different areas. However, as on 30.09.2010, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited has covered 3,85,556 villages out of 6,10,769 villages with mobile services.
- (c) Circle-wise details of waiting list for basic telephony including Bihar as on 30.09,2010 is given in the Annexure.
- (d) BSNL is making all out efforts to provide the telephone connections to all subscribers on wire line or WLL, based on geographical and techno commercial viability & feasibility.