

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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PROVISION OF WIRELESS INTERNET SERVICES  
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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 shown its inability to provide wireless internet services across rural India without additional support from the Union Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) is deploying WiMax service in rural areas for providing coverage for Common Service Centre (CSC) connectivity, (as per plan), in two phases:

Phase I : 1000 Base Transceiver StationS

Phase II : 6863 Base Transceiver Stations

Though BSNL has sought additional grant-in-aid from Department of Information Technology (DIT) to run the WiMax services in rural areas, DIT has asked BSNL to connect the Common Service Centre`s (CSC) within the timelines envisaged and within the approved budgetary outlay.