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WAITING LIST FOR TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Landline Telephone Connections provided in the country during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) the waiting list of telephone connections in the country during the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to clear the waiting list?

Answer

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

(a) The number of Landline Telephone Connections provided in the country by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) during the last three years and the current year, Circle-wise is given in the Annexure-I.

(b) & (c) The waiting list of telephone connections of BSNL in the country during the last three years and the current year, Circle-wise is given in the Annexure-II. BSNL is providing fixed line telephone connections on wire line or Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) all over the country based on geographical locations and depending upon the techno-commercial viability/feasibility.

In MTNL, there is no waiting list for landline connections and are provided on demand subject to technical feasibility & fulfillment of commercial conditions by the prospective customer.