

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

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DECREASE IN TELEPHONE SUBSCRIBERS

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

- (a) whether the subscribers of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) are on the decline over a period of time;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto,
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard;
- (d) whether the BSNL and MTNL has any plan to reduce its staff strength in the country;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) No Madam. The total number of connections of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) & Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) have increased over a period of time. The detail of subscribers of both the companies are as under: BSNL

MTNL

S.No. Year wise Break up Subscribers (in Lakhs)

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| 1 | 31-03-2008 | 723 |
| 2 | 31-03-2009 | 915 |
| 3 | 31-03-2010 | 973 |
| 4 | 30-09-2010 | 1045 |

S.No. Year wise Break up Subscribers (in Lakhs)

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| 1 | 31-03-2008 | 72.1 |
| 2 | 31-03-2009 | 80.8 |
| 3 | 31-03-2010 | 85.9 |
| 4 | 30-09-2010 | 87.9 |

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) & (b) above.

(d) No, Madam.

(e) & (f) Do not arise in view of (d) above.