

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

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

- (a) whether the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) proposes to install satellite telephone systems in inaccessible, remote, hilly areas across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of villages selected for this purpose, State-wise;
- (d) the number of villages/areas where this satellite system is currently in operation, State-wise;
- (e) the time by which the said system is likely to be installed in the rest of the inaccessible villages/areas; and
- (f) the funds allocated, released and utilised for this purpose during the Eleventh Five Year Plan period?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT)

- (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Presently the provisioning of the Village Public Telephone (VPT) on the Digital Satellite Phone Terminal (DSPT) is being done under Bharat Nirman Agreement in inaccessible, remote, hilly areas/villages across the country as per the details given in the Annexure-I.
- (d) The number of VPT provided on DSPT system in inaccessible, remote, hilly areas/villages across the country is given in the Annexure-II.
- (e) Most of the DSPTs as given in Annexure-A are likely to be provided within this Year 2009.
- (f) The fund allotted, released and utilized for this purpose is given below:

	Rs. in Crores		
Year	Fund allotted	Fund released	Fund utilized
2007-08	51.14	23.45	1.87
2008-09	23.72	23.82	1.55
2009-10	27.53	27.28	8.72