

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the number of wireless telephone subscribers is reducing continuously in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor and the number of reduced subscribers during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any step to increase the number of wireless telephone;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the total number of Landline and Mobile connections of Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL)/Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) in the country, State-wise including Kerala?

Answer

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

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) to (d) Do not arise in view of (a) above.
- (e) The total number of Landline and Mobile connections of MTNL and BSNL (including Kerala) as on 31.5.2009 are 825.74 lakh and 81.27 lakh respectively. Circle-wise detail is given in the Annexure.