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

- (a) the areas in the country where the Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) and Multi Access Radio Relay (MARR) services are provided so far alongwith the number of subscribers of these services separately for WLL and MARR;
- (b) the number of subscribers who have got the services disconnected and the locations where the Government has discontinued the services;
- (c) the action taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (d) the manner in which the Government proposes to utilize the surplus equipment?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI MILIND DEORA)

(a) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) provides Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) Services in 2612 Short Distance Charging Areas (SDCAs). As on 31.7.2011, total 50,56,161 WLL connections of BSNL are working. In case of Multi Access Radio Relay (MARR), as on 31.5.2011, 306 connections are working.

(b)to(d) In total, 5,09,276 subscribers have surrendered WLL connections during 2011-12 upto 31.7.2011. BSNL has not discontinued WLL service in any location. The surrender of WLL connection are due to spread of BSNL own GSM mobile and other operator mobile services in rural and remote areas. The customers are preferring mobile services. The WLL services are being provided on demand by BSNL in the covered SDCAs. BSNL does not have surplus equipment and the available capacity is being utilized optimally.