

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

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SHORTAGE OF TELEPHONE INSTRUMENTS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) are facing shortage of telephone instruments and cables;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the new landline subscribers are not being provided with instruments by these PSUs; and
- (d) if so, the number of new subscribers who have been asked to buy own instrument during the last three years, Statewise?

Answer

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

- (a) No, Madam.
- (b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.
- (c) & (d) BSNL and MTNL are providing the instruments to their new landline subscribers, who opt for the same. No such subscriber has been asked to buy own instruments.