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

- (a) the number of telephone exchanges functioning in the country as on date, location-wise and State-wise;
- (b) the details of telephone exchanges under construction and proposed to be constructed as on date, State-wise;
- (c) the amount of funds spent for the purpose; and
- (d) the time by which the construction work is likely to be completed?

Answer

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

(a) The number of wireline telephone exchanges of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) functioning in the country as on date circle-wise and telecom district-wise are given in Annexure-I

(b) Wireline Telephone exchange buildings proposed to be constructed by BSNL and MTNL are as follows:

BSNL : Nil

MTNL : 01 (Powai, Mumbai)

The details of wireline telephone exchange buildings under construction, Circle-wise are as follows:

Company Telecom circle No. of Exchanges under construction

BSNL Tamil nadu 03
Chattisgarh 04
Jammu & Kashmir 02
Maharashtra 26
Gujarat 03
Odisha 01
North East -2 01
Chennai Telecom 01

BSNL Kerala 02
MTNL Delhi 01
Mumbai 05

(c) The funds spent by BSNL/MTNL during 2011-12 for the purpose of constructing wireline telephone exchanges is as follows:

BSNL - Rs. 14.29 crores

MTNL - Rs. 6.00 crores

(d) The target dates for the completion of under construction wireline telephone exchanges is as follows:

Company	Telecom circle	No. of building under construction	Target date of completion
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BSNL	Tamil nadu	03	May 2012
	Chattisgarh	04	March 2012
	Jammu & Kashmir	02	August 2012
	Maharashtra	26	March 2012
	Gujarat	03	March 2012
	Odisha	01	February 2012
	North East	-2	01 June 2012
	Chennai Telecom	01	Dec 2012
	Kerala	02	Feb 2012

MTNL	Delhi	01	December 2011
	Mumbai	05	July 2012