

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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WIRELESS IN LOCAL LOOP
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) telecommunication services has been provided in the rural areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the number of WLL connections provided during the last three years and the current year, State-wise, circle-wise including Maharashtra;
- (c) whether WLL services are inactive/unsatisfactory in many rural regions;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to activate and improve WLL telecommunication services?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) is providing Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) services in Rural areas of the country. The number of gross WLL connections provided during the last three years and the current year are as follows: Period Numbe of gross WLL connections provided during the period 2008-09 17,79, 956 2009-10 17,58564 2010-11 10, 63,608 2011-12 (upto 31.10.2011) 3,7,671 The circle-wise list of gross WLL connections provided during last three years including Maharashtra is enclosed at Annexue.

(c)to(e) WLL services provided by BSNL are, in general, working satisfactorily. The steps taken by BSNL to improve WLL services are as follows:

- (i) Latest Mobile Switching Centre (MSC) based WLL system is being used excessively in the Network.
- (ii) BSNL is optimizing its network continuously for performance.
- (iii) All out efforts are being made for modernization of WLL network by BSNL.