

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

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up Rural Telephone Exchanges in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the time by which the proposed new Rural Telephone Exchanges are likely to start functioning; and
- (d) the locations identified and the funds earmarked for the purpose?

Answer

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

- (a) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has no proposal, at present, to set up new Rural Telephone Exchanges in the country.
- (b) to (d) Does not arise in view of (a) above.