

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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NON FUNCTIONAL MOBILE TOWERS

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

- (a) whether the mobile towers in many districts of the country remain dysfunctional due to non-availability of diesel;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Maharashtra and Odisha;
- (c) the action taken by the Government to arrange to supply fuel to power the mobile towers in affected districts;
- (d) the quality of diesel consumed and the amount spent on diesel to power the telecom towers during the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and
- (e) the study conducted by the Government to ascertain and secure the future energy needs of telecom sector and the action taken thereon?

**Answer**

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

- (a) No, Madam, as far as MTNL is concerned. In respect of BSNL and private operators data is not available.
- (b) Nil in view of (a) above.
- (c) The concerned service provider arranges to supply the fuel to power their mobile towers. No action is taken by the Government in this regard.
- (d) The diesel available in the market is being used by service providers to power the mobile towers. The Quantity and amount of diesel consumed to power the telecom towers during last three years is as follows:-

In MTNL, Delhi:-

Year	Quantity of Diesel Consumed	Amount spent (Approximately)
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2009-10	481 Kilolitre	Rs. 1.90 Cr.
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2010-11	428 Kilolitre	Rs. 1.60 Cr.
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2011-12	450 Kilolitre	Rs. 1.70 Cr.
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In MTNL, Mumbai:-

Year	Quantity of Diesel Consumed	Amount spent (Approximately)
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2009-10 8.88 Kilolitre Rs. 3,15,671/-

2010-11 10.38 Kilolitre Rs. 5,01,951/-

2011-12 0.38 Kilolitre Rs. 17980/-

No actual data available regarding consumption of diesel to run mobile towers in respect of BSNL & private operators. However TRAI in its report has indicated that an average fuel consumption of 8760 liters diesel every year per tower assuming 8 hours of operation by diesel generator sets and there are 5.88 lakhs towers in the country.

(e) No such study conducted by the Government.