

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1070  
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INSTALLATION OF TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether any target has been fixed for installation of Landline, Wirelss in Local Loop (WLL) telephone connections and laying of optical fibre cable in the country during the Current Five Year Plan;
- (b) if so, the details of the targets achieved so far in this regard, State-wise;
- (c) whether there is any variation in the achievement of the targets fixed; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT)

(a) Sir, the target fixed for installation of landline, WLL telephone connections and laying of Optical Fiber Cable (OFC) of BSNL & MTNL in the country, during the current Five Year Plan, is mentioned below:-

S.No. Item Unit Target

BSNL  
1 Wireline + WLL Lakh connections 125  
2 OFC RKMs 2,00,000  
MTNL  
1 Landline + WLL Lakh connections 14  
2 OFC In Fibre KMS 6,20,000

(b) The targets achieved by BSNL and MTNL so far is as under:-

BSNL  
2007-08 2008-09 2009-2010  
Target Achieve- Target Achieve Target Achieve  
Item as per ment as per -ment as per -ment  
annual annual annual (upto  
plan plan plan 31.3.2009)  
Wireline + WLL 15.75 -11.65# -8.50# -13.51# -15.00# -4.02#  
(in lakh  
connections)  
OFC in RKMs 26250 43852 28500 44265 25000 2811.01

#Note: Negative figure means reduction in connections.

Details of targets achieved so far by BSNL, location wise (state-wise) is given in the Annexure.

MTNL  
Item 2007-08 2008-09 2009-2010 Total (2007-10)

Landline 17338 0 29970 -12632#  
WLL 0 0 0  
OFC in Fiber KMs 43057 36538 1712 81307

#Note: Negative figure means reduction in connections.

(c) & (d) Yes there is a variation in achievement of targets fixed for BSNL and MTNL. Details of variations has been answered in para (b) above. Reasons for variation may be attributed to switch over of landline customers to mobile phones and delay in supply and commissioning of WLL equipment by M/s ITI.