

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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IRREGULAR SERVICES OF MTNL AND BSNL
Singh Shri Pashupati Nath

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

- (a) whether the services of Telephone/ Mobile connections provided by Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL)/Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) are irregular in the country, including Jharkhand;
- (b) if so, the details thereof State-wise;
- (c) the details of the amount spent and the available additional resources for the expansion of telephone and Mobile connections in the country including Jharkhand?

Answer

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

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.
- (c) The details of amount spent during last five years and amount to be spent during 2009-10 by BSNL, including Jharkhand Telecom Circle, is given in the Annexure.

The current capacity of mobile 2G and 3G network of MTNL is 20.25 lakh and 23.25 lakh lines in Delhi and Mumbai respectively. MTNL has incurred investment of approximate Rs.577 crores and Rs.509 crores respectively in Delhi and Mumbai units on account of equipments and network elements.

MTNL is in process of adding 5 lakh lines of 2G in Delhi and 2 lakh lines in Mumbai. In addition, MTNL is also adding 5 lakh lines of 3G, each in Delhi and Mumbai unit. The total approximate investment on equipment and network elements is approximate Rs.208 crore and Rs.200 crore in Delhi and Mumbai respectively.