

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

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TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS  
Singh Shri Bhola

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

- (a) whether the people in the naxal affected areas of the States of Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Maharashtra etc. have declined to accept the telephone connections of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL);
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government is formulating any special scheme to provide telephone connections in such naxal affected areas; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a) Sir, no such incidents have been reported in any of the naxal affected areas except in Orissa Telecom Circle of BSNL.
- (b) In Orissa some of the customers of BSNL have received threats from naxalites alleging that they are police informers.
- (c) No special scheme has been formulated by BSNL.
- (d) Do not arise in view of (c) above.