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SETTING UP OF TELEPHONE EXCHANGES

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

- (a) whether the Government has proposed to set up state-of-the-art telephone exchanges in the country including rural areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise regarding the progress made in this regard during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether the Government has received proposals from various States for opening of new telephone exchanges in the country; and.
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has planned to induct latest state-of-art exchanges for its landline network including rural areas. BSNL has also planned to induct one million exchange lines based on Next Generation Network (NGN) technology.

(c) & (d) No proposals have been received from State Governments. Based on the requirement received from various field units of BSNL, a tentative plan for deployment/allotment of new exchanges of BSNL is given in the Annexure.