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TELECOM FACILITIES IN NAXAL AFFECTED AREAS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the naxal affected areas in various States including Uttar Pradesh and Bihar have sufficient telecommunication facilities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the targets fixed and achieved in providing telecom facilities to such areas during the 11th Five Year Plan along with the funds allocated for the same, Statewise;
- (d) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government under the 12th Five Year Plan for upgradation and strengthening of the said facilities; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes to set up any special circles with some new facilities in naxal affected States and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (Dr. (SMT.) KILLI KRUPARANI)

- (a) & (b) In the naxal affected areas of Uttar Pradesh, there are 104 Telephone Exchanges , 245 Base Transceiver stations (BTSs) and 4540 Village Public Telephones (VPT) of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) whereas In the naxal affected areas of Bihar, there are 133 Telephone Exchanges, 385 Base Transceiver Stations (BTS) and 16334 Village Public Telephones (VPT).
- (c) & (d) BSNL augments its network based on techno-commercial considerations. In addition, Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) has planned 2199 BTSs in naxal affected areas in various states including Uttar Pradesh and Bihar.
- (e) At present, there is no proposal in BSNL to set up special circle in naxal affected States.