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WAITING LISTS FOR TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the waiting lists for Landline telephone connections in the country is increasing day-by-day;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the present status in this regard, State-wise and Secondary Switching Area (SSA)-wise; and
- (c) the time by which the entire backlog is likely to be cleared?

Answer

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

(a) No Sir, the waiting list for Landline telephone connections in respect of BSNL is not increasing day by day.

As on date there is no waiting list for landline connection in MTNL.

(b) State/circle wise and Secondary Switching Area (SSA)-wise status of waiting list for landline telephone as on 31.10.2009 is given in the enclosed Annexure.

(c) The generation of wait list is a continuous process as new registration for telephone connections are added every month to the waiting list. About 80% of the wait list existing as on 01.04.2009 has been cleared. BSNL has planned to clear the current waiting list progressively by the end of March 2010 subject to techno-commercial feasibility, on alternative technologies.