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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) the number of telephone exchanges in the country, State-wise and agency-wise;
- (b) whether the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) and the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) propose to set up new telephone exchanges during the current financial year;
- (c) If so, the details in this regard, State-wise;
- (d) Whether the Union Government has received any proposals for setting up any new telephone exchanges from various States; and
- (e) If so, the State-wise details thereof alongwith the time by which these exchanges are likely to be set up?

Answer

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

- (a) to (c) Madam, the details of number of telephone exchanges in the country and planned to be set up in the current financial year, State-wise, by BSNL and MTNL are given in the annexure.
- (d) No specific proposal for setting up any new telephone exchanges has been received from any State.
- (e) Does not arise in view of (d) above.