

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

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DEBT BURDEN ON MOBILE OPERATORS  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the telecom operators including Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd. are in huge debt;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has received any request/ proposal in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the action taken thereon?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

- (a) Yes Madam.
- (b) The debt of telecom service sector companies for the year 2013-14 is as under:-

TSP Debt (2013-14)  
(Rs. in crore)

BSNL	4459
MTNL	14120
Other Operators	224317

Note: 1. The above debt figures include long term and short term borrowings.

2. Figures are based on audited/unaudited financial information submitted by the service providers.

- (c) Government has not received any proposal for direct financial support for repayment of debt of BSNL & MTNL.
- (d) Does not arise in view of response to (c).