

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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WI MAX FACILITY TO BSNL SUBSCRIBERS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has withdrawn the Wi-Max facility which has been very useful in remote areas where there is no broadband facility;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to restore this facility across the country particularly in Tamil Nadu; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the alternative facilities likely to be provided in its place?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) BSNL has reported that it is providing Wi-MAX services in all its Licensed Service areas (LSA) except in Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu (including Chennai TD) where the services have been withdrawn due to commercial reasons. The Wi-MAX business prospect became unviable due to high cost of Broadband Wireless Access (BWA) spectrum for these 6 LSAs.

(c) No, Madam.

(d) BSNL is providing wireless broadband services through other alternative technology i.e. 3G & Evolution-Data Optimized(EVDO) in the country including Tamil Nadu circle. The details are given below:

Technology No. of 3G BTS No. of EVDO BTS
(Base Tran-
sceiver
Station)

All India	22981	1894
TamilNadu Circle	1516	110