

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Landline Telephones
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a waiting list of telephone on demand in different States as on date, State-wise;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard and the time by which the same is likely to be cleared;
- (d) whether the telephone exchanges are functioning with their full capacity across the country, if so, the details thereof, State-wise and if not, the action taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (e) whether some private companies are also venturing into the landline telephone sector and if so, the details thereof and the plan prepared by telecom PSUs to compete with them?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) The telephones are provided on demand. However, due to technical non feasibility, there is a waiting list. The details are given at Annexure.
- (c) BSNL and MTNL are making all efforts to clear the waiting list by attending cable faults, retrieving cable pairs, installing DSLAM etc. to make the areas technically feasible.
- (d) Due to reduced demand of landline telephones, exchanges are not fully loaded. PSUs are taking action like reducing tariff, transparent billing, aggressive marketing and providing valuable services to increase the demand of landlines in the country.
- (e) Yes sir. Some private companies are also present in landline telephone sector. The private sector constitutes 25.45% of total wireline telephones as on May 2015. PSUs are taking all steps to remain competitive.
Annexure

SI No CIRCLE NAME Waiting List

SI No	CIRCLE NAME	Waiting List
	Urban Rural Total	
1	Andaman Nicobar	0 0 0
2	Andhra Pradesh	0 0 0
3	Assam	0 0 0
4	Bihar	0 0 0
5	Chhattisgarh	0 0 0
6	Gujarat	2100 319 2419
7	Haryana	0 0 0
8	Himachal Pradesh	0 0 0
9	Jammu Kashmir	207 11 218
10	Jharkhand	59 0 59
11	Karnataka	1443 88 1531
12	Kerala	2428 5599 8027
13	Madhya Pradesh	0 0 0
14	Maharashtra	5809 801 6610
15	North East-I	0 0 0
16	North East-II	0 0 0
17	Orissa	0 0 0
18	Punjab	0 0 0
19	Rajasthan	1570 33 1603
20	Tamilnadu	0 0 0
21	Uttar Pradesh(E)	0 0 0
22	Uttar Pradesh(W)	0 0 0
23	Uttaranchal	0 0 0
24	West Bengal	23 15 38
25	Calcutta	0 0 0

26 Chennai 0 0 0
BSNL (Total) 13639 6866 20505

AS ON 31.03.2015
27 Delhi 0 0
28 Mumbai 1495 1495
MTNL (Total) 1495 1495
