

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:165  
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Sharing and Leasing out of Infrastructure  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether BSNL has any proposal to enter into partnerships with private sector mobile telecom companies for sharing their platforms in respect of certain services;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the terms and conditions for the same, company-wise; and
- (c) the benefits likely to accrue as a result thereof for both the partners?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) Yes Madam, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) is sharing its passive infrastructure including towers with other Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) based on its techno-commercial consideration. BSNL has so far leased out 6505 towers to other TSPs and has hired 15113 towers from other TSPs and Infrastructure Providers (IPs). The details are at Annexure I and II respectively. BSNL has earned Rs.398 crore and paid Rs 760 crore from such leasing upto 31.03.2015.

Annexure-I

Details of infrastructure including towers leased out by BSNL to with other operators

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Name of private mobile Telecom companies/ Service Providers No. of towers leased out as on January-2016

M/s Tata Tele Services Ltd./ Tata Teleservices Maharashtra Limited 369

M/s Aircel 371

M/s Reliance Communication /Reliance Telecom Limited 125

M/s Datacom (Now Videocon Telecommunication Limited) 103

M/s Bharti Airtel/ Hexacom 2251

M/s Idea Cellular 925

M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd. 1440

M/s Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited 14

M/s Wiwanet 3

M/s Vodafone

(At circle level, 2011 onwards) 904

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Annexure-II

Details of no of towers leased-in (Hired) by BSNL from private mobile Infrastructure Providers (IPs).

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Name of IPs

Total no. sites hired on Pan India

VIOM 4017

Ascend 2092

ATC 2235

GTL 2428

Tower Vision 1745

Indus Tower 1126

Bharti Infratel 1344

SK Telecom JV 26  
SATYA 5  
UNITY 38  
Spanco 2  
M/s High-Tech 4  
M/s Suyog 19  
M/s Idea 32  
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