

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

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LANDLINE TELEPHONE SUBSCRIBERS  
Thota Shri Narasimham

**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is considering to provide more concession to landline telephone subscribers of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is a large scale surrender of BSNL/MTNL landline telephone connections in the country; and
- (d) if so, the total number of landlines surrendered in the country during the last three years and the current year?

**Answer**

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

(a) No, Madam.

(b) Does not arise in view of response to (a) above.

(c) & (d) Details of additions/surrender of landline connections of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited during the last three years and the current year (as on 31.5.2014) is given below:

Year	BSNL Surrendered Landline telephone (in lakhs)	MTNL Surrendered Landline telephone (in lakhs)
2011-2012	43.7	1.33
2012-2013	34.6	1.26
2013-2014	33.0	1.35
2014-15 (up to 31-05-2014)	5.6	0.21