

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

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LANDLINE TELEPHONE INFRASTRUCTURE
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal for utilisation of the Landline Telephone Infrastructure to some other profit making communication system in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the total length of landlines already installed in the country and the cost incurred thereon during the last three years and the current year;
- (d) the total manpower strength to operate and maintain landline telephone connections and annual expenditure incurred as salary and wages during the last three years and the current year; and
- (e) the total annual gross income earned from the landline telephone connections 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) to (e) Details of total length of landlines installed by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and cost incurred during the last three years and current year is being collected from BSNL and will be laid on the Table of the House. Details of total length of landlines installed by Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) in its service areas and cost incurred thereon is given in Table-I of Annexure-I.

Details of manpower strength, annual expenditure on salary and wages and annual gross income during the last three years and the current year in respect of BSNL and MTNL is given in Table-2 of Annexure-I.