

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

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TELEPHONE CONNECTION BY BSNL
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the waiting list for telephone connection in the country is increasing day-by-date despite the promise of BSNL to provide telephone connections on demand by March, 2003;
- (b) if so, the facts in this regard and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the time by which BSNL would be able to provide telephone connections on demand?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(SHRI . PRADHAN)

- (a) No, Sir. The Waiting List as percentage of DELs has come down from 15.9% in March, 2000 to 4.7% in March, 2003.
- (b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.
- (c) In most of the urban areas the telephone is available on demand. BSNL is working hard to reduce the waiting time for new telephone connections.