

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1477
ANSWERED ON:30.07.2003
OPENING OF NEW TELEPHONE EXCHANGES
CHINTAMAN NAVSHA WANAGA

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

- (a) the number of proposals pending for opening of new Telephone Exchanges, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government have changed norms to open new Telephone Exchanges;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether due to change of norms the setting up of many Telephone Exchanges have been cancelled; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

Reply in respect MTNL (Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited)

- (a) Ten new telephone exchanges are proposed to be opened in MTNL Mumbai only and nil in MTNL Delhi.
- (b) No, Sir.
- (c) to (e): Do not arise in view of (b) above.

Reply in respect BSNL (Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited)

- (a) to(e) The information is being collected from all the field units and will be laid on the table of the House.