

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

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TELEPHONE SERVICE IN RURAL AREAS
NAWAL KISHORE RAI;SUSHIL KUMAR INDORA

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

- (a) whether the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited has been assigned the work of providing telephone service in rural areas as private sector organisations have failed to fulfil their responsibility;
- (b) if so, the names of the States alongwith the number of villages therein where the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited propose to install telephones;
- (c) the amount likely to be spent in each State for this purpose; and
- (d) the time by which this work is likely to be completed?

Answer

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

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) to (d) Do not arise in view of (a) above.