

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
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INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT IN TELECOM SECTOR  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the BSNL has made any action plan for infrastructure development in telecom sector in Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the investment to be made therein; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) BSNL, in Maharashtra has planned expansion of the following:-

(i) Wireless in Local Loop Service for providing Telephone Services to subscribers in far flung areas and Cellular Mobile services in the entire State apart from expansion of its Fixed line Switching Network.

(ii) Value added Services such as Intelligent Network which offers a host of associated services such as Freephone, Virtual Private Network and Premium Rate Service etc.

(iii) Internet Services including DIAS and CLI based Services

(iv) Managed Lease Line Network & Broadband Services

(c) A provision of Rs. 993.54 Crores has been made for investment in Maharashtra Circle under Budget Estimate for the year 2003-04.

(d) The targets set and achievement made by BSNL during the year 2003-04 are as under:-

Sl. No.	Parameter & Unit	Target	Achievement upto 31.10.2003
1	Direct Exchange Lines (Lakh lines)	5.96	2.07
2	Switching Capacity (Lakh lines)	5.90	3.24
3	TAX (Kilo Ckts.)	145	18.6
4	Optical Fibre Cable (R Kms)	6500	952.52
5	Microwave (R Kms)	119	145.51