

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
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TARGETS FOR OPENING OF NEW TELEPHONE EXCHANGES

PRABODH PANDA

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

(a) whether the targets set for opening new telephone exchanges during the Ninth Five Year Plan have been achieved;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the State-wise, targets fixed and achieved during the Ninth Five Year Plan?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): BSNL (Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited) added 9188 new telephone exchanges against a target of 10108 during the Ninth Five Year Plan. Deployment of Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) System was preferred against opening of balance new telephone exchanges for providing telephone connections due to scattered demand and economic viability.

MTNL added 19.95 lakhs line against a target of 22.85 lakhs line of switching capacity. Marginal shortfall in target of switching capacity was due to reduced demand for new telephone connections.

(c) Circle-wise details of target fixed and achieved in respect of BSNL are given in the Annexure-I.

The details of targets fixed and achieved in respect of MTNL are given in the Annexure-II.

**ANNEXURE-I**

Target & achievement of BSNL regarding opening of new telephone exchanges During Ninth Five year Plan

S.No.	Circle	Target	Achievement
1.	Andaman & Nicobar	23	41
2.	Andhra Pradesh	923	874
3.	Assam	219	180
4.	Bihar	638	466
5.	Madhya Pradesh	290	393
6.	Gujarat	868	756
7.	Haryana	180	178
8.	Himachal Pradesh	265	217
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	179	74
10.	Karnataka	600	407
11.	Kerala	282	142
12.	Maharashtra	1691	1848
13.	North-East	180	122
14.	Orissa	227	240
15.	Punjab	468	377
16.	Rajasthan	530	633

17.	Tamil Nadu	344	325
18.	Uttar Pradesh (East)	1203	1043
19.	Uttar Pradesh (West)	333	343
20.	West Bengal	665	529

TOTAL		10108	9188
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ANNEXURE-II

Target & achievement of MTNL regarding Switching capacity During Ninth Five Year Plan

Sl. No.	MTNL	Target (lakh lines)	Achieved (lakh lines)
1.	Delhi	11.00	10.06
2.	Mumbai	11.85	9.89
	TOTAL	22.85	19.95