

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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TELECOM FACILITIES/ SERVICES IN CHHATTISGARH
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether communication facilities/services in Chhattisgarh are quite unsatisfactory due to insufficient number of telephone lines; and

(b) if so, the measures being taken by the Government to enhance the line capacity of various routes in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) & (b) Sir, status of the telecom facilities provided by Bharat Sanchal Nigam Limited (BSNL) in Chhattisgarh Circle as on 30.09.2005 is furnished below:

Type of service	Capacity Exchange	Direct list	Waiting	Teledensity
Land Line	427757	286016	3983	

Wireless in Loop (WLL)	88800	68293	-	1.98
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Mobile Phones	81950	84583	114859	
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Most of the waiting list for landline connections is in far flung rural areas which cannot be covered feasibly on landlines. BSNL is therefore deploying WLL technology in a big way. BSNL has planned to add capacity of 18,000 lines of WLL during the year 2005-06. Further in view of the ever- growing demand for mobile services, capacity augmentation of 150,000 cellular mobile lines has been planned in Chhattisgarh during the current financial year.