

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4268

ANSWERED ON:21.12.2005

SURRENDER OF PHONES

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

- (a) whether a large number of subscribers have surrendered their phones all over the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise particularly in respect of Gujarat during the last three years;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to introduce some new features in the existing facilities to motivate the subscribers; and
- (d) if so, the extent to which it is likely to help the Government in achieving teledensity target of 7 per cent in the country?

**Answer**

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Number of landlines surrendered during the last 3 years in Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) are as follows:

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005 -06 upto 31-10-2005
BSNL	1793536	3260135	3417052	2302324
MTNL	171238	377242	292438	157530

Details of Statewise particularly in respect of Gujarat during the last 3 years are given in the Annexure.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Teledensity target has already crossed 7 percent and as on 31.10.2005, the Teledensity in the country was 10.53.

**ANNEXURE**

**STATE-WISE DETAILS OF NUMBER OF PHONES SURRENDERED/ DISCONNECTED DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS**

Sl. No.	Name of Circle	DELs Disconnected during the year			
		2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005- 06 (till 31.10.05)
1	Andman & Nicobar	1333	1381	2989	1003
2	Andhra Pradesh	293030	468426	489344	332863
3	Assam	8791	31085	27314	26271
4	Bihar	20908	54802	34006	13106
5	Chhatisgarh	18132	19278	28964	32974
6	Gujarat	180617	395534	337630	161389
7	Haryana	29284	66473	122016	44592
8	Himachal Pradesh	5850	38306	21225	17043
9	Jammu & Kashmir	7852	10517	10185	11528
10	Jharkhand	16042	19038	22198	23535
11	Karnataka	183286	307930	310218	185753
12	Kerala	53264	92245	128945	108287
13	Madhya Pradesh	56475	77305	105378	89158
14	Maharashtra	234109	472548	406823	248183

15	North East-I	4955	5587	12559	6085
16	North East-II	7598	3425	11182	13176
17	Orissa	40239	64924	36137	28684
18	Punjab	55771	161694	199519	156618
19	Rajasthan	55465	112673	143775	78067
20	Tamilnadu	240359	306407	297767	171431
21	Uttaranchal	11566	29918	105550	16531
22	Uttar Pradesh (East)	68844	1119552	105020	81045
23	Uttar Pradesh (west)	36227	92868	100680	123411
24	West Bengal	11334	39640	44845	51847
25	Kolkata	84831	125441	187807	140420
26	Chennai	68474	143138	144076	139343

TOTAL		1793536	3260135	3417052	2302324
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