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

(a) the total amount spent for the development of communication system in various States, particularly for West Bengal during each of the last three years, State wise; and

(b) the steps proposed to be taken for the improvement of communication system in the country?

Answer

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

(a) Sir, the total amount spent by the BSNL and MTNL for the development of communication system in various States including West Bengal during each of the last three years are given in Annexure-I.

(b) The effective steps taken/proposed to be taken by BSNL and MTNL for the improvement of communication system in the country are given in Annexure-II.

ANNEXURE-I

DETAILS OF AMOUNT SPENT BY BSNL AND MTNL FOR DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNICATION SYSTEM IN VARIOUS TELECOM CIRCLE DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS.

BSNL (Amount in Rs. in Crores)

Sl. No. Name of the Circle 2002-03 2003-04 2004-05

1.	Andaman & Nicobar	13.36	7.62	7.70
2.	Andhra Pradesh	993.35	367.83	429.33
3.	Assam	195.54	163.51	131.45
4.	Bihar	486.14	159.28	233.84
5.	Chhattisgarh	126.12	78.90	58.86
6.	Gujarat	896.19	337.21	211.20
7.	Haryana	309.74	190.24	279.61
8.	Himachal Pradesh	179.51	79.90	46.43
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	144.25	82.53	102.45
10.	Jharkhand	265.88	103.52	103.12
11.	Karnataka	785.08	309.26	379.07
12.	Kerala	670.59	565.81	756.48
13.	Madhya Pradesh	466.69	222.39	195.84
14.	Maharashtra	1149.18	681.41	579.77
15.	North East	132.89	156.39	125.86
16.	Orissa	361.60	155.13	156.88
17.	Punjab	572.89	268.22	432.77
18.	Rajasthan	503.01	347.10	385.28
19.	Tamil Nadu	971.08	438.22	495.33
20.	Uttar Pradesh	1237.20	633.23	879.74
21.	Uttaranchal	174.01	83.26	50.88
22.	West Bengal	596.63	461.44	443.59
23.	Others#	826.19	674.76	960.18
	Total	12057.12	6537.16	7445.66

MTNL

1	Delhi	741.06	518.26	535.79
2	Mumbai	312.75	443.18	502.69
	Total	1053.91	961.44	1038.48

Note:

#1. Others include Project Circles, Maintenance Regions, Telecom Factories, Training Centres etc.

2. Maharashtra Circel includes Goa

3. North East includes NE-I and NE-II Circles, Tamil Nadu Circle includes Chennai Phones, Uttar Pradesh includes UP(W) and UP(E) Circles, West Bengal includes Kolkata Phones and Sikkim.

ANNEXURE-II

The following are the steps taken by BSNL and MTNL for the Improvement of communication system in the country.

- (i) All exchanges have been connected on reliable media.
- (ii) All exchanges have been converted to digital exchanges.
- (iii) Expansion of Wireless in Local Loop system and Cellular Mobile service up to Block Head Quarters level.
- (iv) Provisioning of Digital Line Concentrators to eliminate Under Ground Cable.
- (v) Coverage of National Highways, State Highways and Railway routes on Cellular Mobile services.
- (vi) Replacement of under ground paper core cables by jelly flied cable in a phased manner.
- (vii) Creation of pole less network.
- (viii) Opening of more telephone exchange (RSUs/RLUs).
- (ix) Conversion of SBM into RSUs.
- (x) Conversion of CDOT 256 Port exchanges into AN-RAXs (Access Network-Rural Automatic Exchanges).
- (xi) Centralized fault booking at SDCC (Short Distant Charging Center).
- (xii) Provision of high capacity external maintenance free battery with FWT for providing larger talk time and standby time.
- (xiii) Bill Payments made easy through more centers.
- (xiv) Attractive tariff packages including One India Plan.