

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

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TELE -DENSITY

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

- (a) the tele-density at present in each State;
- (b) whether BSNL has chalked out a plan to increase the tele- density in the country;
- (c) if so, the details in this regard;
- (d) the projection made by BSNL for Village Public Telephones, mobile and WLL phones in these States during the current financial year; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to achieve the said targets?

Answer

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

(a) The requisite information is given in the Annexure.

(b) & (c) Yes, Sir. The steps taken by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) to increase tele-density include efforts to increase coverage by large-scale deployment of Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) and mobile network to cater to the existing uncovered regions which can't be economically covered by wired line. BSNL have also relaxed the distance norm for laying outdoor cables from 2.5 Km to 5.0 Km for landline exchanges to facilitate more landline connections.

(d) & (e) Item wise targets/achievements of BSNL for 2005-06 is given below:

Item Target Achievement
(in Nos.)
(as on 31.1.2006)

VPTs 12,500 11,178
Mobile 65,00,000 59,75,713
WLL 6,83,589 6,48,993

Sufficient equipment has been received and it is expected that the targets will be achieved.

ANNEXURE

Statewise teledensity in the country as on 31.01.2006

Sl. No. Name of the State/Telecom Circle Teledensity
(in percent)

1.	Andaman & Nicobar	14.84
2.	Andhra Pradesh	12.23
3.	Assam	4.75
4.	Bihar	4.52
5.	Chhattisgarh	1.92
6.	Gujarat	15.97
7.	Haryana	13.69
8.	Himachal Pradesh	17.98
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	10.83
10.	Jharkhand	2.72

11.	Karnataka	15.98
12.	Kerala	24.10
13.	Madhya Pradesh	6.47
14.	Maharashtra (-) Mumbai	12.33
15.	North East	5.61
16.	Orissa	6.60
17.	Punjab	26.33
18.	Rajasthan	8.82
19.	Tamil Nadu (-) Chennai	13.73
20.	Uttaranchal	7.11
21.	Uttar Pradesh	6.26
22.	West Bengal (-) Kolkata	4.90
23.	Kolkata	30.62
24.	Chennai	57.67
25.	Delhi	60.96
26.	Mumbai	53.49
	Overall	11.76