

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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WLL TELEPHONE SERVICE

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

- (a) the Cellular and WLL service providers in the country;
- (b) whether the WLL telephone service is not working properly in several parts of the country;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to ensure cheap and quality service to the subscribers?

Answer

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

- (a) Cellular and WLL services are provided by Access Service Providers in the country. The list of Access Service Providers is given in the Annexure.
- (b) & (c) No, Sir. The WLL services are working satisfactorily in most part of the country. However, poor WLL telephone services in certain areas are due to unreliable electric power supply in those areas.
- (d) The Government has adopted the approach of unrestricted competition and technology neutrality to ensure cheap and quality service to subscribers.

ANNEXURE

LIST OF ACCESS SERVICE PROVIDERS

1. M/S BHARAT SANCHAR NIGAM LIMITED
2. M/S MAHANAGAR TELEPHONE NIGAM LIMITED
3. M/S RELIANCE INFOCOMM LIMITED
4. M/S TATA TELESERVICES LIMITED
5. M/S TATA TELESERVICES (MAHARASTRA) LIMITED
6. M/S BHARTI TELE-VENTURE LIMITED
7. M/S HUTCHINSON ESSAR MOBILE SERVICES LIMITED
8. M/S IDEA CELLULAR LIMITED
9. M/S BPL MOBILE COMMUNICATION LIMITED
10. M/S HUTCHISON MAX TELECOM LIMITED
11. M/S AIRCEL CELLULAR LIMITED
12. M/S HUTCHINSON ESSAR SOUTH LIMITED
13. M/S RELIABLE INTERNET SERVICES LIMITED
14. M/S FASCEL LIMITED
15. M/S SPICE COMMUNICATIONS LIMITED
16. M/S BPL MOBILE CELLULAR LIMITED
17. M/S AIRCEL LIMITED
18. M/S IDEA MOBILE COMMUNICATION LIMITED
19. M/S AIRCEL DIGILINK INDIA LIMITED
20. M/S BTA CELLCOM LIMITED
21. M/S HFCL INFOTEL LIMITED
22. M/S SHYAM TELELINK LIMITED
23. M/S BHARTI HEXACOM LIMITED
24. M/S ESCORTS TELECOMMUNICATIONS LIMITED
25. M/S DISHNET DSL LIMITED
26. M/S RELIANCE TELECOM LIMITED