

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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EXPANSION DEVELOPMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS .

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

- (a) Whether the pace of development and expansion of telecommunications in rural and urban areas of Uttar Pradesh and Karnataka is allegedly very slow since the last three years;
- (b) If so, the reaction of the Government thereto alongwith the reasons therefor;
- (c) The details of projects of expansion of telecommunications undertaken during the last three years, State-wise; and
- (d) The steps taken by the Government for accelerating the development and expansion of telecommunications in these States?

**Answer**

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

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) & (d) Circle wise details of expansion of telecommunication facilities by BSNL during last 3 years are given in Annexure-I, II & III. BSNL has fixed following targets for expansion of services in Uttar Pradesh (East), Uttar Pradesh (West) and Karnataka telecom circles during 2006-07:

Sl	Name of Basic	Cellul	Internet	Broadban	Optic Trunk
No.	Circle	Phone	Mobile	Fibre	Automobile
		Cable Exchange			
		(RKM's)	(KC)		
1	UP	51900	900000	21000	29600 1060 16
					(East)
2	UP	12300	300000	21100	7200 800 16
					(West)
3	Karnataka	84500	200000	50000	83200 1420 40

Details of the projects undertaken by Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) for expansion of telecommunication facilities in Delhi and Mumbai are given in Annexure-IV.

In addition, the Government has also set up the Universal Services Obligation Fund (USOF) for accelerating the development and expansion of telecommunications in rural areas. Details of steps taken for expansion of rural telecom facilities in the State of UP and Karnataka under this fund are given in Annexure-V.