

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

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

- (a) The details of services provided by the BSNL/MTNL and other service providers in the country, State-wise;
- (b) The details of consumers who are getting benefits from their services;
- (c) The details of basic telephones, WLL and Cellular telephone exchanges of BSNL operating in the country specially in Rajasthan, capacity-wise, location-wise;
- (d) The details of telecom capacity addition plan likely to be executed in the country, location-wise;
- (e) Whether the Government proposes to open cellular phone service exchange in each Panchayat; and
- (f) If so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) BSNL, MTNL and other private operators are providing the following services in the country:-

SL.NO SERVICES PROVIDED

- 1 Land Line
- 2 CDMA (WLL-fixed as well as WLL-mobile with limited mobility)
- 3 GSM (pre-paid and post-paid with roaming, GPRS etc.)
- 4 Broadband.
- 5 Internet.
- 6 Leased line & Virtual Private Network (VPN)

(b) The details of consumers who are getting benefits from the services of BSNL, MTNL and other service providers, as on 30-06-2006, are indicated below:-

S.NO NAME OF THE SERVICE NUMBER OF SUBSCRIBERS

BSNL MTNL OTHER SERVICE
PROVIDERS

1 LAND LINE	3,47,03,698	37,93,287	25,60,256
2 GSM	1,82,97,081	21,69,661	5,80,21,506
3 BROAD BAND	7,01,687	2,66,633	5,84,637
4 INTERNET	27,87,418	14,00,139	28,65,465
5 CDMA	27,18,308	1,38,468	3,07,74,772

(c) The details of total numbers of basic telephone exchanges, WLL and Cellular Telephone Exchange of MTNL and BSNL operating in the country (Telecom Circle-wise) are given in Annexure-1 and that of Rajasthan Telecom Circle (SSA-wise) is given in Annexure-II.

(d) The details of telecom capacity addition plan likely to be executed for the year 2006-07 are given (Circle-wise) in Annexure-III and that of Rajasthan Telecom Circle in Annexure- IV.

(e) & (f) Sir, due to wide coverage of National/State Highways and other important towns, many rural areas are getting incidental coverage of mobile service provided by BSNL. As on 30.06.2006, around 1,45,000 villages are getting coverage of BSNL mobile services in the country and 10,258 villages in Rajasthan. BSNL has made plans to extend its mobile services to all the villages having population greater than 5,000 in next financial year. In Rajasthan Telecom Circle, 308 villages having population more than 5,000 out of the total number 761 villages having population more than 5,000 have been covered by Cellular Mobile Services as on 30.06.2006 and the remaining villages having population more than 5,000 to be covered by the next financial year.