

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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WLL TOWERS IN RURAL AREAS OF GUJARAT
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has set up WLL towers in rural areas of Gujarat;
- (b) if so, the targets set for the purpose and achieved during the last two years;
- (c) the reasons as a result of which the BSNL failed to achieve these targets;
- (d) whether the Government has conducted any review of these works; and
- (e) if so, the outcome thereof?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b)&(c) During the last two years i.e. during 2004-05 and 2005-06, a target of 185 had been set for installation of Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) towers. This target could, however, be achieved in 2006-07. The delay in achieving the target was due to late receipt of equipments.

(d)&(e) Review is being undertaken periodically by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) for taking necessary remedial action.