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CAPACITY OF TELEPHONE EXCHANGES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the existing capacity of telephone exchanges in the country specially in Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) the capacity utilised each year during the last three years;
- (c) the total loss of revenue as a result of less capacity utilisation; and
- (d) the reasons for less capacity utilisation?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Sir, existing capacity of telephone exchanges of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) as on 31.7.07 is 4,71,87,957 lines in the country, out of which 40,50,787 lines exist in Uttar Pradesh. Capacity utilised during the last three years by BSNL is as under:

As on Equipped Working Capacity
Capacity Connections utilisation in %

31.3.05	4,71,30,957	3,58,59,482	76.08
31.3.06	4,74,17,653	3,54,22,889	74.70
31.3.07	4,73,22,278	3,37,38,604	71.30

As regards MTNL, the capacity along with percentage utilization during the last three years and upto 31.7.07 is given below:

As on Equipped Working Capacity
Capacity Connections utilisation in %

31.3.05	59,61,477	40,75,340	68.36
31.3.06	58,53,314	38,75,772	66.21
31.3.07	55,45,662	38,01,570	68.54

(c) & (d) There is no direct loss of revenue due to less capacity utilization. Decline of capacity utilization is mainly due to migration of these subscribers to mobile technologies such as Code Division Multiple Access (CDMA) & Global System for Mobile Communication (GSM). Owing to above trend, the exchanges capacity is not being increased further except in respect of unavoidable and difficult areas such as North East Region.