

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

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SHORTAGE OF TELEPHONE CABLES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a shortage of telephone-cable for laying it underground particularly in backward and rural areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to solve the problem; and
- (d) the time by which the work is likely to be finished?

Answer

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

(a) No Sir, there is no shortage. Each telecom circle of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) is having balance stock of cable and about 60 Lakh Conductor Kilo Meter (LCKM) cable was available in all on 1.4.2007. Scattered demand of telephone connections is being met by providing wireless technology such as Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) and GSM mobile including in backward and rural areas of the country.

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of (a) above.