

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

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WLL TELEPHONES

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

- (a) the details of Wireless on Local Loop (WLL) connections in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether most of the telephones installed on WLL technique in the country particularly remote and rural areas are lying out of order mostly due to shortage of batteries;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Chhattisgarh and the reasons therefor;
- (d) the number of WLL telephone connections out of order as on date, State-wise;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to upgrade/modify this technique and ensure supply of equipment/batteries; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI MILIND DEORA)

- (a) License Service Area wise details are enclosed as Annexure.
- (b) & (c) Most of the WLL telephone connections are reported to be in working order. However, few of the WLL connections have been reported to be faulty and out of these faulty connections, which a small percentage is due to shortage of batteries.
- (d) It has been reported by the Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) that the number of faults vary on day to day basis and most of the faults are attended promptly as and when received generally within three days.
- (e) No Madam.
- (f) Does not arise in view of (e) above.