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Telephone Exchanges

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

- (a) whether the District Telephone Authorities have not been able to provide the telephone connections to the consumers on demand in various telephone districts in many States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Maharashtra and the action taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) the funds allocated for expansion and speeding up telecom facilities in various States, State-wise;
- (d) the details of waiting list for telephone connections in various telephone exchanges, State-wise; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to clear the wait list at all the exchanges and the action taken to modernize the telephone exchanges, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

- (a) & (b) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) is providing telephone connections to its customers on demand in the technically feasible areas in all the Telecom Circles in the country including Maharashtra.
- (c) Capital expenditure funds allocated by BSNL for expansion and speeding up telecom facilities in various circles for the FY 2015-16 are given circle wise in Annexure-I.
- (d) & (e) The waiting list of BSNL for wireline telephones circle-wise is as per Annexure-II and it makes the technically non-feasible areas as feasible based on its techno-commercial considerations. To modernize the exchanges, BSNL has planned for replacement / migration of Legacy Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN) to Next Generation Network (NGN).

Annexure-I

Circle wise details of Capital expenditure funds allocated for expansion and speeding up telecom facilities for the FY 2015-16 by BSNL

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No. Name of Circle Capital expenditure funds allocated for expansion (in Rs crore)

- 1 Andaman and Nicobar 22.82
- 2 Andhra Pradesh 412.17
- 3 Assam 117.70
- 4 Bihar 200.85
- 5 Chhattisgarh 98.91
- 6 Gujarat 275.18
- 7 Haryana 163.94
- 8 Himachal Pradesh 108.33
- 9 Jammu and Kashmir 99.42
- 10 Jharkhand 173.42
- 11 Karnataka 405.25
- 12 Kerala 584.11
- 13 Madhya Pradesh 246.57
- 14 Maharashtra 397.83
- 15 North East-I 266.08
- 16 North East-II
- 17 Odisha 296.18
- 18 Punjab 295.79
- 19 Rajasthan 309.94
- 20 Tamilnadu 523.94
- 21 Uttarakhand 79.41
- 22 Uttar Pradesh (East) 577.21

23 Uttar Pradesh (West)
24 West Bengal 431.22
25 Other units and reserve 1709.76
TOTAL 7796.03

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Annexure-II

Circle wise waiting list of BSNL for wireline telephones

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No. Name of Circle Waiting List

1 Andaman and Nicobar 00

2 Andhra Pradesh 258

3 Assam 00

4 Bihar 00

5 Chhattisgarh 595

6 Gujarat 719

7 Haryana 3075

8 Himachal Pradesh 175

9 Jammu and Kashmir 1014

10 Jharkhand 00

11 Karnataka 10084

12 Kerala 253

13 Madhya Pradesh 2900

14 Maharashtra 16448

15 North East-I 00

16 North East-II 00

17 Odisha 00

18 Punjab 279

19 Rajasthan 5493

20 Tamilnadu 08

21 Uttarakhand 125

22 Uttar Pradesh (East) 4163

23 Uttar Pradesh (West) 903

24 West Bengal 00

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