

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

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

- (a) the total number of private telecom operators under various categories at present and the details of their respective entry year in the country;
- (b) the percentage of market share of these private telecom operators compared to Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited in urban and rural segments in the country;
- (c) whether these telecom operators had given any commitment to the Government to provide services in rural areas;
- (d) if so, the number of telecom operators which have fulfilled the obligation to connect rural areas/villages; and
- (e) the number of rural areas/villages that have been provided telephone connectivity by each of the private telecom operators so far, State-wise?

**Answer**

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

- (a) The details of present private telecom service providers in respect of access services are attached as Annexure-I.
- (b) The details as on 31.05.2014 are as under:

	% share of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd (MTNL)	% share of Private Telecom Operators
Urban	14.3	85.65
Rural	9.66	90.34

- (c) to (e) The Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) provide services as per rollout obligations contained in their respective license agreement. As per rollout obligation in Unified Access Service License (UASL) for 2G Services, the TSPs have to cover 10% and 50% of District Headquarters (DHQ)/Towns within first year and third year respectively from the effective date of license. As per rollout obligation for 3G/BWA services 50% of the rural Short Distance Charging Area (SDCA) are to be covered by the licensees by third quarter of 2015. The number of rural areas/villages that have been provided telephone connectivity by the private TSPs is attached as Annexure-II.