

Title : Delay in introducing the BSNL mobile network service in Birbhum district, West Bengal.

DR. RAM CHANDRA DOME (BIRBHUM): Sir, I would be very brief. My matter is related to my district and my constituency. This is regarding the precarious condition of telecom services in my district. Hundreds of registered consumers are waiting in the rural areas for getting the telephone connections. They have been waiting for several years. The Department is unable to provide telephone connections to the remote areas because there is a lack of cable facility and lack of exchange facility. There is no programme to lay the cables and the supply of WLL system is also very poor. People have been suffering to get the modern telephone connections.

Another thing is about the mobile telephone connection. A large part in my district is out of the network. Even today, the progress of work about the distribution of SIM cards is very poor. The blocks like Rajnagar, Khairasol, Murarai-I and Murarai-II are even today not getting the mobile service facility. That is why, even the telephone connections, which we are recommending from our Member of Parliament quota, are not being provided due to lack of technical feasibility.

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I would, therefore, urge upon the Union Government to look into the matter so that the people get redressal. Telephone connection is the minimum basic facility required. People should be provided with telephone connections as also the telecom services of a good quality. This is very much necessary. Thank you.