

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3269
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23RD MARCH, 2018**

BULK LANDLINE CONNECTIONS BY INDIVIDUAL(S)

3269. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of landline connections in the country, as-of-now, State-wise;
- (b) whether Government gives bulk landline connections to any individual in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, including the norms fixed for this purpose;
- (d) whether Government is aware of any illegal bulk landline connections that have been obtained by any individual(s);
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the action taken by Government against such individual(s)?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS &
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)**

(a) The total landline connections in the country as on 31st January 2018 stood at 23.07 million. The service area wise number of landline connections is given at **Annexure.**

(b) & (c) The Government does not provide landline connections to any individual in the country. The connections are provided by the Telecommunication Service Providers (TSPs). MTNL (Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited) has stated that it provides bulk landline connections to corporates and not to individuals. BSNL (Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited) has stated that it provides bulk landline connections subject to individual being a bonafide person.

(d) to (f) MTNL has stated that there is no such case reported by its field units. BSNL has stated that one FIR dated 23-07-2013 was registered and charge sheet was filed in designated court in Chennai on 07-12-2016. BSNL has also stated that no further update has been received by them from CBI till date.

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Annexure

Service Area wise landline connections as on 31st January, 2018

S.No.	Service Area	Number of connections
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	1503028
2	ASSAM	138933
3	BIHAR	273551
4	GUJARAT	1293363
5	HARYANA	304624
6	HIMACHAL PRADESH	126210
7	JAMMU & KASHMIR	115041
8	KARNATAKA	2239531
9	KERALA	1977054
10	MADHYA PRADESH	969393
11	MAHARASHTRA	1750515
12	NORTH-EAST	113246
13	ORISSA	274724
14	PUNJAB	880300
15	RAJASTHAN	599593
16	TAMIL NADU	2344240
17	UTTAR PRADESH - [East]	485630
18	UTTAR PRADESH - [West]	353123
19	WEST BENGAL	282143
20	KOLKATA	816767
21	DELHI	3212750
22	MUMBAI	3015524
	TOTAL	23069283
