

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.482  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2017**

**LANDLINE CONNECTIONS**

482. SHRI DILIPKUMAR MANSUKHLAL GANDHI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the number of landline connection has reduced in the country and if so, the details thereof including the total landline functional connections during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the number of functional landline connection in Ahmednagar district of State of Maharashtra; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to popularise the landline connection in the country?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) The number of landline connections have reduced in the country. State/Circle (Service Area) wise details of wireline subscriber base for last three years and the current year is at **Annexure-I**.
- (b) The year-wise details of functional landline connections in Ahmednagar district of State of Maharashtra are as under:

S. No.	Name of Telecom Service Providers (TSP)	Number of landline connections			
		As on 31.12.2014	As on 31.12.2015	As on 31.12.2016	As on 30.06.2017
1	Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL)	67,270	60,453	56,652	54,626
2	Tata Teleservices (Maharashtra) Limited (TTML)	30	99	168	97
3	Reliance Communications (RCOM)	77	91	106	109

- (c) Steps taken by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL), Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) and other Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) to popularize the landline connections are as under:
  - (i) Various attractive tariff plans including free night calling plans have been introduced.
  - (ii) Publicity of various tariff plans through print media, Television advertisements, FM Channels, outdoors hoardings and digital media.
  - (iii) Revival of closed connections through various schemes.

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State/Circle/Service-Area wise landline subscriber base

S.No	State/Circle (Service Area)	As on 31.03.2015	As on 31.03.2016	As on 31.03.2017	As on 31.05.2017
1	Andhra Pradesh	18,68,687	17,35,905	16,37,790	16,19,198
2	Assam	1,67,434	1,60,542	1,55,445	1,52,446
3	Bihar	3,59,290	3,32,038	3,14,982	3,04,053
4	Delhi	31,41,362	31,71,185	32,22,678	32,21,342
5	Gujarat	15,52,403	14,09,089	13,56,154	13,22,388
6	Haryana	4,06,231	3,69,330	3,45,736	3,34,887
7	Himachal Pradesh	2,08,202	1,71,209	1,49,347	1,44,152
8	Jammu & Kashmir	1,49,349	1,31,214	1,34,283	1,29,074
9	Karnataka	22,77,942	22,55,386	22,44,432	22,64,454
10	Kerala	25,87,400	22,97,179	21,11,703	20,93,657
11	Kolkata	10,03,973	9,09,109	8,58,939	8,45,330
12	Madhya Pradesh	11,05,542	10,41,590	10,23,788	10,13,467
13	<b>Maharashtra</b>	<b>21,16,520</b>	<b>19,87,220</b>	<b>18,79,865</b>	<b>18,65,509</b>
14	Mumbai	30,63,521	30,38,898	30,42,359	30,40,601
15	North East States	1,27,264	1,24,327	1,20,982	1,18,269
16	Odisha	3,18,227	3,06,495	2,92,156	2,84,138
17	Punjab	11,20,237	10,60,068	10,06,783	9,81,552
18	Rajasthan	8,23,020	7,86,448	7,38,474	7,18,259
19	Tamil Nadu (incl. Chennai)	27,59,189	26,40,298	25,47,792	25,12,177
20	Uttar Pradesh (East)	5,14,549	5,03,007	4,94,640	4,86,846
21	Uttar Pradesh (West)	4,82,623	4,27,420	3,96,394	3,85,844
22	West Bengal	4,41,379	3,66,611	3,25,905	3,20,207
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,65,94,344</b>	<b>2,52,24,568</b>	<b>2,44,00,627</b>	<b>2,41,57,850</b>

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