

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4192  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH, 2018**

**TELEPHONE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

4192. SHRI VIRENDER KASHYAP:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Telecom Advisory Committee (TAC) meetings are held regularly at circle and Secondary Switching Area (SSA) levels in the country and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether the suggestions made by Members of Parliament (MPs) and other members of the committee are not implemented, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the current status of the meetings held at the circle level;
- (d) whether the MPs attend these meetings and if not, the steps taken by the Government to ensure their attendance; and
- (e) the decision taken by the Government to ensure attendance of MPs in all the SSAs of the Parliament Constituency of the said MPs?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Madam, Telephone Advisory Committees (TACs) are constituted at telecom district level and not at the circle level. TAC meetings are held regularly by BSNL and MTNL. The state-wise details of number of TAC meetings held at SSA level in BSNL and MTNL area are at **Annexure A** and **Annexure-B** respectively.
- (b) No Madam, the suggestions made by Hon'ble Members of Parliament (MPs) and other members of the Telephone Advisory Committees (TACs) are being implemented as per feasibility.
- (c) Madam, Telephone Advisory Committees (TACs) are constituted at telecom district level and not at the circle level. However, The state-wise details of number of TAC meetings held at SSA level in BSNL and MTNL area are at **Annexure A** and **Annexure-B** respectively.
- (d) & (e) Yes Madam, Hon'ble Members of Parliament (MPs) attend the TAC meetings. The dates of TAC meetings are decided by BSNL/MTNL in consultation with Hon'ble MPs to ensure their presence in the meetings

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<b>ANNEXURE-A</b>		
<b>Details of TAC meetings conducted by BSNL at SSA level in each state during the period 15-11-2016 to 13-3-2018 (TAC Session 2016-18)</b>		
<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Name of States</b>	<b>No. of TAC meetings conducted at SSA level during the period 15-11-2016 to 13-3-2018</b>
1	ANDAMAN & NICOBAR	0*
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	26
3	ASSAM	8
4	BIHAR	16
5	CHHATISGARH	12
6	GUJARAT	21
7	HARYANA	18
8	HIMACHAL PRADESH	12
9	JAMMU & KASHMIR	8
10	JHARKHAND	9
11	KARNATAKA	25
12	KERALA	25
13	MADHYA PRADESH	62
14	MAHARASHTRA	51
15	NORTH EAST-I	6
16	NORTH-EAST-II	5
17	ORISSA	25
18	PUNJAB	20
19	RAJASTHAN	48
20	TAMILNADU	27
21	TELANGANA	16
22	U.P.(East)	29
23	U.P.(West)	27
24	UTTARANCHAL	9
25	WEST BENGAL	8
26	KOLKATA TELEPHONES	6
27	CHENNAI TELEPHONES	7
<b>Total</b>		<b>526</b>

\* BSNL has intimated that TAC meeting could not be conducted in Andaman & Nicobar so far as Shri Bishnu Pada Ray, Hon'ble MP(Lok Sabha) has been contacted for the date for conducting of TAC meetings, but the date confirmation is awaited from the Hon'ble MP.

ANNEXURE-B

**Status of TAC meetings conducted at SSA level in MTNL area during the period 15-11-2016 to 13-3-2018 (TAC Session 2016-18)**

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Name of MTNL area</b>	<b>No. of TAC meeting conducted at SSA level during the period 15-11-2016 to 13-3-2018</b>
1	DELHI	13
2	MUMBAI	17

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