

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4249  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH, 2018**

**REDUCTION IN NUMBER OF TELECOM SUBSCRIBERS**

4249. SHRIMATI K. MARAGATHAM:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the number of telecom subscribers has reduced by 1.58 crore to 118.5 crore in November, 2017 and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the said decline was on account of closure of mobile services by some of the Telecom Service Providers (TSPs); and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) The number of telephone subscribers as on 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2017 was 120.21 crore. The figure as on 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 was 118.62 crore. The service area wise details of telephone subscribers as on 31.10.2017 and 30.11.2017 are given at **Annexure**.

The decline of 1.59 crore subscribers was pre-dominantly due to shutdown of 2G services by Reliance Communications Limited in Gujarat, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Uttar Pradesh (West), Uttar Pradesh (East), Haryana and Tamil Nadu circles. Other operators which also saw a decline in subscriber base in November 2017 are TATA Teleservices Ltd., Aircel, Sistema Shyam Teleservices Ltd. and Telenor.

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**Annexure**

**Service Area wise net addition in total telephones as on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017 and 30th November, 2017**

<b>S.No</b>	<b>Service Area</b>	<b>31.10.2017</b>	<b>30.11.2017</b>	<b>Net monthly addition</b>
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	87086394	85554275	(-)1532119
2	ASSAM	22446787	22628613	181826
3	BIHAR	83996529	84349504	352975
4	GUJARAT	70986510	71341140	354630
5	HARYANA	25804833	25371676	(-)433157
6	HIMACHAL PRADESH	10927164	11072818	145654
7	JAMMU & KASHMIR	12942063	13117245	175182
8	KARNATAKA	72362860	68994791	(-)3368069
9	KERALA	43488968	42803499	(-)685469
10	MADHYA PRADESH	72676649	73767190	1090541
11	MAHARASHTRA	96025422	94992139	(-)1033283
12	NORTH-EAST	13049461	12956932	(-)92529
13	ORISSA	34205373	34260457	55084
14	PUNJAB	38566472	38916624	350152
15	RAJASTHAN	66377083	66273505	(-)103578
16	TAMIL NADU	92963231	89244288	(-)3718943
17	UTTAR PRADESH - [East]	104702650	101005790	(-)3696860
18	UTTAR PRADESH - [West]	66644582	62593678	(-)4050904
19	WEST BENGAL	58669414	58332814	(-)336600
20	KOLKATA	29867558	29764672	(-)102886
21	DELHI	57794281	57958728	164447
22	MUMBAI	40524089	40924491	400402
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1202108373</b>	<b>1186224869</b>	<b>(-)15883504</b>

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