

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1653
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13TH FEBRUARY, 2019**

BSNL LANDLINE TELEPHONES IN RAJASTHAN

†1653. SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to disconnect landline telephone connections of BSNL in rural areas of Rajasthan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to make alternate arrangements for these disconnected landline telephones; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has reported that it has a policy to close telephone exchanges having less than 20 telephone connections. As per policy, if the revenue earned from a particular exchange is less than the operational expenditure of the telephone exchange having no mobile tower or Universal Service Obligation (USO) subsidised DSLAM (Digital Subscriber Line Access Multiplexer), the telephone exchange may be closed down.

In such cases BSNL proposes to make alternate arrangements by migrating these connections to mobile connections.
