

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

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 315
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17TH MARCH, 2021**

LANDLINE CONNECTIONS

***315. PROF. SAUGATA RAY:**

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of existing landline connections in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the reasons for decline, if any, in the number of landline connections during the last three years;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to use the existing landline connection infrastructure/facilities for any other purposes;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the future of the said infrastructure/ facilities?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS, LAW & JUSTICE AND
ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)**

- (a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *315 FOR 17th MARCH, 2021 REGARDING “LANDLINE CONNECTIONS”

(a) & (b) The service area wise number of landline connections in the country during the last three years and current year is given at **Annexure**. The decline in the number of landline connections is, inter-alia, due to the users finding mobile services to be more convenient with regards to its utility, mobility and availability at all times.

(c) to (e) The service providers are progressively making use of the existing landline infrastructure for providing Broadband services in the country.

ANNEXURE

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of Lok Sabha Starred Question no. *315 to be answered on 17th March 2021 regarding Landline Connections.

Service area wise landline connections during the last three years and current year as on 31.01.2021.

(in Million)

S.No.	Service area	As on 31st March			As on 31st January
		2018	2019	2020	2021
1	Andhra Pradesh	1.48	1.44	1.22	1.38
2	Assam	0.14	0.11	0.10	0.13
3	Bihar	0.28	0.23	0.16	0.22
4	Gujarat	1.27	1.24	0.87	0.97
5	Haryana	0.30	0.27	0.24	0.23
6	Himachal Pradesh	0.13	0.11	0.10	0.09
7	Jammu & Kashmir	0.12	0.10	0.12	0.16
8	Karnataka	2.22	2.15	2.10	2.15
9	Kerala	1.97	1.88	1.54	1.26
10	Madhya Pradesh	0.95	0.92	0.62	0.70
11	Maharashtra	1.73	1.52	1.31	1.28
12	North East	0.11	0.10	0.09	0.10
13	Orissa	0.28	0.24	0.20	0.21
14	Punjab	0.86	0.77	0.66	0.70
15	Rajasthan	0.60	0.54	0.45	0.46
16	Tamil Nadu	2.32	2.19	1.91	1.88
17	Uttar Pradesh (East)	0.42	0.45	0.37	0.40
18	Uttar Pradesh (West)	0.39	0.30	0.25	0.32
19	West Bengal	0.28	0.23	0.17	0.25
20	Kolkata	0.79	0.71	0.62	0.67
21	Delhi	3.19	3.26	3.18	3.48
22	Mumbai	2.99	2.92	2.86	3.04
All- India Total		22.81	21.70	19.13	20.08

Source: DoT