

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1609
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28th JULY, 2021**

WLL CONNECTIONS

†1609. SHRI SADASHIV KISAN LOKHANDE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether WLL connections provided by the Government in the country particularly at the block level of backward districts are very less as compared to other blocks;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether corruption is allegedly prevalent in providing WLL connections in the rural areas of the country and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (d) whether the local telecommunication authorities have received any complaints in this regard and if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS
(SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN)**

(a) & (b) Earlier, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL), a Public Sector Undertaking (PSU), used to provide Wireless Local Loop (WLL) services in rural and remote areas of the country. As reported by BSNL, WLL services have been closed all over the country in the year 2018, because of obsolescence of technology for Network equipment as well as for handsets. Therefore, the issue regarding discrimination in providing WLL connections at the block level of backward districts does not arise.

(c) & (d) No, Sir; the local telecommunication authorities have not received any complaints in this regard and no such case is under investigation.
