

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3105  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2025**

**THEFT OF TELEPHONE CABLE**

**†3105. SHRI BALWANT BASWANT WANKHADE:**

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether incidents of telephone-cable theft have been reported from various parts of the Country;
- (b) if so, the State-wise details thereof during the last three years and the current year; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to curb the said incidents of cable theft along with the results thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
(DR. PEMMASANI CHANDRA SEKHAR)**

(a) to (c) The telephone-cable theft incidences reported from various parts of the country by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) & Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) are attached as **Annexure-I**.

BSNL & MTNL have taken following measures to curb the incidents of cable theft:

- i. Coordination with civic agencies involved in digging works.
- ii. Lodging of FIR.
- iii. Precautionary patrolling along the cable route.

As a result of above measures, the number of incidents of cable theft have been reduced.

**Annexure-I**

<b>BSNL &amp; MTNL Cable Theft (No. of Incidence)</b>					
<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of the Circle</b>	<b>(2021-22)</b>	<b>(2022-23)</b>	<b>(2023-24)</b>	<b>(2024-25)</b>
1	Andhra Pradesh	1	4	0	5
2	Assam	48	51	0	0
3	Bihar	6	0	0	0
4	Chhattisgarh	3	0	0	0
5	Gujarat	0	4	1	15
6	Haryana	2	13	0	0
7	Himachal Pradesh	142	92	0	4
8	Jammu & Kashmir	8	0	0	0
9	Kerala	5	25	5	0
10	Madhya Pradesh	12	0	0	0
11	Maharashtra	35	34	7	7
12	North-East-I (Meghalaya, Mizoram, Tripura)	12	111	10	0
13	Orissa	15	4	0	0
14	Punjab	32	5	0	0
15	Rajasthan	0	1	1	0
16	Tamil Nadu	1	3	3	0
17	Uttar Pradesh - West	2	2	0	0
18	West Bengal	1	5	0	0
19	Calcutta TD	38	19	5	10
20	Chennai TD	2	9	3	3
21	Telangana	5	2	2	0
22	Delhi	291	191	122	53
23	Mumbai	17	42	41	41
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>678</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>138</b>
<b>Andaman &amp; Nicobar, Jharkhand, Karnataka, North East-II, Sikkim, Uttaranchal &amp; Uttar Pradesh (East) circles have no incident reported in the above period</b>					

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