

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2889
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16th DECEMBER, 2015
TELECOM DISTRICTS

2889. ADV. CHINTAMAN NAVASHA WANAGA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) total number of telephone districts of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL), State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has received proposals for creation of new BSNL/MTNL telephone district in newly declared districts;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State and district-wise;
- (d) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (e) the time by which the new telephone districts are likely to be created?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

- (a) Circle-wise details of total number of telephone districts of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) are given in **Annexure**.
- (b) & (c) BSNL has received following proposals for creation of Telephone Districts during the last 5 years (2011 – 2015):

State	District
Bihar	Arwal, Jahanabad & Sitamarhi
Gujarat	Porbandar & Patan
Chhattisgarh	Jashpur
Tamil Nadu	Tiruppur
Rajasthan	Karauli
Maharashtra	Palghar

- (d) & (e) The above proposals were examined by BSNL and the creation of such districts was not found feasible in view of competitive environment and cost effectiveness.

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Details of Telecom Districts of BSNL and MTNL

Sr No	State	No of Telecom Districts	Remarks
BSNL			
1	Andaman & Nicobar	1	
2	Andhra Pradesh & Telangana	22	
3	Assam	7	
4	Bihar	19	
5	Chhattisgarh	6	
6	Gujarat	18	
7	Haryana	9	
8	Himachal Pradesh	6	
9	Jammu & Kashmir	5	
10	Jharkhand	6	
11	Karnataka	19	
12	Kerala	12	includes Lakshadweep
13	Madhya Pradesh	35	
14	Maharashtra	30	includes Goa
15	North East-I	3	includes Meghalaya, Mizoram, Tripura
16	North East-II	3	includes Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Nagaland
17	Odisha	13	
18	Punjab	11	includes Chandigarh
19	Rajasthan	24	
21	Tamil Nadu	19	includes Puducherry
22	Uttar Pradesh	49	
23	Uttarakhand	6	
24	West Bengal	15	includes Sikkim
	Total BSNL	338	
MTNL			
1.	Delhi	01	
2.	Mumbai	01	
	Total MTNL	02	

