

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.165
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24th FEBRUARY, 2016**

SHARING AND LEASING OUT OF INFRASTRUCTURE

165. SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:

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

- (a) whether BSNL has any proposal to enter into partnerships with private sector mobile telecom companies for sharing their platforms in respect of certain services;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the terms and conditions for the same, company-wise; and
- (c) the benefits likely to accrue as a result thereof for both the partners?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) Yes Madam, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) is sharing its passive infrastructure including towers with other Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) based on its techno-commercial consideration. BSNL has so far leased out 6505 towers to other TSPs and has hired 15113 towers from other TSPs and Infrastructure Providers (IPs). The details are at **Annexure I and II** respectively. BSNL has earned Rs.398 crore and paid Rs 760 crore from such leasing upto 31.03.2015.

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Details of infrastructure including towers leased out by BSNL to with other operators

Name of private mobile Telecom companies/ Service Providers	No. of towers leased out as on January-2016
M/s Tata Tele Services Ltd./ Tata Teleservices Maharashtra Limited	369
M/s Aircel	371
M/s Reliance Communication /Reliance Telecom Limited	125
M/s Datacom (Now Videocon Telecommunication Limited)	103
M/s Bharti Airtel/ Hexacom	2251
M/s Idea Cellular	925
M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd.	1440
M/s Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited	14
M/s Wiwanet	3
M/s Vodafone (At circle level, 2011 onwards)	904

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Annexure-II

Details of no. of towers leased-in (Hired) by BSNL from private mobile Infrastructure Providers (IPs).

Name of IPs	Total no. sites hired on Pan India
VIOM	4017
Ascend	2092
ATC	2235
GTL	2428
Tower Vision	1745
Indus Tower	1126
Bharti Infratel	1344
SK Telecom JV	26
SATYA	5
UNITY	38
Spanco	2
M/s High-Tech	4
M/s Suyog	19
M/s Idea	32
