

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.229  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2016**

**TELEPHONE EXCHANGES**

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

- (a) whether the District Telephone Authorities have not been able to provide the telephone connections to the consumers on demand in various telephone districts in many States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Maharashtra and the action taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) the funds allocated for expansion and speeding up telecom facilities in various States, State-wise;
- (d) the details of waiting list for telephone connections in various telephone exchanges, State-wise; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to clear the wait list at all the exchanges and the action taken to modernize the telephone exchanges, State-wise?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) & (b) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) is providing telephone connections to its customers on demand in the technically feasible areas in all the Telecom Circles in the country including Maharashtra.

(c) Capital expenditure funds allocated by BSNL for expansion and speeding up telecom facilities in various circles for the FY 2015-16 are given circle wise in **Annexure-I**.

(d) & (e) The waiting list of BSNL for wireline telephones circle-wise is as per **Annexure-II** and it makes the technically non-feasible areas as feasible based on its techno-commercial considerations. To modernize the exchanges, BSNL has planned for replacement / migration of Legacy Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN) to Next Generation Network (NGN).

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**Circle wise details of Capital expenditure funds allocated for expansion and speeding up telecom facilities for the FY 2015-16 by BSNL**

S. No.	Name of Circle	Capital expenditure funds allocated for expansion (in Rs crore)
1	Andaman and Nicobar	22.82
2	Andhra Pradesh	412.17
3	Assam	117.70
4	Bihar	200.85
5	Chhattisgarh	98.91
6	Gujarat	275.18
7	Haryana	163.94
8	Himachal Pradesh	108.33
9	Jammu and Kashmir	99.42
10	Jharkhand	173.42
11	Karnataka	405.25
12	Kerala	584.11
13	Madhya Pradesh	246.57
14	Maharashtra	397.83
15	North East-I	266.08
16	North East-II	
17	Odisha	296.18
18	Punjab	295.79
19	Rajasthan	309.94
20	Tamilnadu	523.94
21	Uttarakhand	79.41
22	Uttar Pradesh (East)	577.21
23	Uttar Pradesh (West)	
24	West Bengal	431.22
25	Other units and reserve	1709.76
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7796.03</b>

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Circle wise waiting list of BSNL for wireline telephones

S. No.	Name of Circle	Waiting List
1	Andaman and Nicobar	00
2	Andhra Pradesh	258
3	Assam	00
4	Bihar	00
5	Chhattisgarh	595
6	Gujarat	719
7	Haryana	3075
8	Himachal Pradesh	175
9	Jammu and Kashmir	1014
10	Jharkhand	00
11	Karnataka	10084
12	Kerala	253
13	Madhya Pradesh	2900
14	Maharashtra	16448
15	North East-I	00
16	North East-II	00
17	Odisha	00
18	Punjab	279
19	Rajasthan	5493
20	Tamilnadu	08
21	Uttarakhand	125
22	Uttar Pradesh (East)	4163
23	Uttar Pradesh (West)	903
24	West Bengal	00

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