

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA):
(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Mobile lines capacity of BSNL

3256. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

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

(a) whether Government is aware that BSNL is facing rapidly shrinking market share in the fast expanding mobile market;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether there is an urgent need to augment the mobile lines capacity of BSNL to check call rates of other mobile service providers; and

(d) if so, the corrective steps Government proposes to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA):
(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Decline in market share of BSNL in wireless segment is due to increase of number of private players and fierce competition among different service providers.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has planned to add 33.5 million lines capacity in next one year.

Change in postal infrastructure

3257. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Postal Department's revenue deficit for the fiscal 2006-07 was about Rs. 1250 crores and the projected revenue deficit for the current fiscal to be around Rs. 1288 crores;

(b) whether in view of the rapid technological advancements in telecom and cyber related transmission system, the existing postal infrastructure have become redundant and unremunerative;

(c) whether the Department of Posts has tied up with herbal/indigenous drug companies to sell their products through Post Offices as also over-the-counter drugs of major pharma companies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Sir, the revenue deficit of the department for the year 2006-07 was Rs. 1249.52 crores and the projected revenue deficit of the Department for the year 2008-09 is Rs. 1135.74 crores.

(b) Sir, It is submitted that the Post Office has not become redundant anywhere in the world. The technological advancements and cyber related transmission would rather strengthen and revitalize the postal infrastructure.

(c) and (d) Sir, Some herbal and indigenous drug companies have approached the Postal Circles to sell their herbal and medicinal products through the post offices. The Postal Circles have made arrangements with those companies for sale of their products through select post offices.

The details are as under:

Sl. No.	Name of the Circle	Details
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Tie up with M/s Sriram Gopalraju Pharma (P) Ltd., Puttur, for sale of Dr. K. Gopalraju's Puttur Thailam through all Head Post Offices in the Circle with effect from 03-12-2007.
2.	Maharashtra	The sale of herbal medicines of M/s Herbolab (I) Pvt. Ltd. is being undertaken through 125 post offices in Mumbai region of the Circle.
3.	Uttarakhand	Sale of herbal health products of Divya Pharmacy of Divya Yog Mandir Trust through the branch post offices of the Circle on a test basis.

Inefficient services of MTNL

†3258. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in spite of exhausting plenty of resources the services (mobile and land line) being provided by the MTNL in the National Capital is far behind in comparison to the private service providers;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the net work of Dolphin and Garuda (mobile phone) of the said company remains non-functional most of the time and unnecessary cables/lines have not been laid in the rural parts of Delhi;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) if not, the comparative details (regarding mobile phones) thereof and the details of the areas which are technically not feasible?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA):

(a) No, Sir. MTNL has got a market share of 20.46% in its service area on 29.02.2008.

(b) to (d) The Dolphin and Garuda network of MTNL are functioning satisfactorily. There is no technically non-feasible areas in MTNL Delhi. The following steps have been taken by MTNL to further improve its coverage.

(i) MTNL, Delhi has recently commissioned 750K GSM lines in 2007-08. This has removed congestion in the network.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.