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4.	Project for conservation and development of Mayla Bagh, Jaipur
5.	Conservation, restoration and development of Ghat ki Guni Complex, Jaipur
6.	Hathi Gaon, Phase II Amer, Jaipur
7.	Conservation, Restoration and Development work of Taragarh Fort, Ghanta Ghar and Shaheed Smarak at Ajmer
8.	Conservation and restoration of Shiv Temple, Bandevra Ramgarh, Baran

Market share of BSNL and MTNL

*288. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of the telecom connections, both landline and wireless lines, in the country;
- (b) the market share of BSNL and MTNL in this respect;
- (c) whether the market share of BSNL and MTNL has increased or reduced;
- (d) if it has been reduced, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) whether any remedial measures are being taken to restore the market share?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) As on 31.05.2009, there are 37.66 million landline and 415.25 million wireless telephone connections in the country.

(b) As on 31.05.2009, market share of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) is as follows:—

Market share in percentage				
		Landline	Wireless	Total Telephones
BSNL		76.93	12.91	18.23
MTNL	Delhi	59.8	9.09	14.17
	Mumbai	70.19	12.39	19.69

(c) and (d) The market share of BSNL and MTNL has reduced. The decline in the share of public sector companies is due to the increasing competition and greater participation of the private telecom service providers. However, the subscriber base of BSNL has increased from 55.16 million as on 31.03.2006 to 82.58 million as on 31.05.2009 and that of MTNL from 5.92 million to 8.13 million.

(e) Following are the steps taken/being taken by the BSNL and MTNL to improve the market share:—

Steps by BSNL: Following measures are being taken by BSNL to improve its market share:—

1. During 2009-10, BSNL has planned to provide 18 million cellular mobile connections.
2. BSNL has planned to deploy newer technologies like Fixed Mobile Convergence (FMC) and Next Generation Network (NGN) etc.

Steps by MTNL: MTNL is taking lot of measures to improve its market share by way of expansion of network, improvement in services, customer care, provision of Value Added Services, revision of tariff etc. such as:

1. The Global System for Mobile Communication (GSM) network in MTNL Delhi and Mumbai has been expanded by 7,50,000 lines alongwith 111 BTS (in Delhi) and 57 Base Trans-receiver Station (BTS) (in Mumbai) during 2008-09. GSM capacity of 5,00,000 lines is under installation each at Delhi and Mumbai.
2. Additional 200 GSM towers in Delhi and 291 GSM towers in Mumbai are proposed to be installed during 2009-10 to provide better coverage.
3. MTNL has already launched 3G GSM services in Delhi and Mumbai (soft launch) for which a capacity of 2,50,000 (3G) has been installed each at Delhi and Mumbai.
4. MTNL is providing a lot of Value Added Services for both land line and Mobile subscribers like news, songs, e-ticketing, SMS, Voice SMS, Internet, Broadband, Internet Protocol Television (IPTV) etc. in line with the emerging trends.
5. MTNL is reviewing its tariff for various products and services so as to make them customer friendly and to suit various segments of the society.
6. MTNL has launched Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) Services to provide international calls at lower tariff.

Road from Dwarka to NH-10

*289. SHRI MANGALA KISAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2597 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 6th September, 2007 and Starred Question 305 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 6th December, 2007 and state:

(a) whether Government has given compensation to the families who are going to be displaced due to the construction of the proposed road from Dwarka to NH-10;

(b) whether a large number of plots in the affected areas have been purchased on Power of Attorney basis and the owners have pledged their life-time savings;