

Telephone Instrument Manufacturing Industrial Units

†8. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the six public sector Telephone Instrument Manufacturing Industrial Units under VSNL have already become sick;
- (b) if so, the names of such units alongwith the places they are located at;
- (c) when these units were declared sick;
- (d) the details of the capital investment made by Government in each unit as on March, 2009; and
- (e) the future plan for their revival?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT): (a) VSNL (now known as Tata Communications Ltd.) does not have any public sector Telephone Instrument Manufacturing Industrial Units under it.

(b) to (e) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Waiting list of BSNL

†9. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) number of villages in Rajasthan not having telephone facility/connectivity;
- (b) waiting list of applicants for various services, such as, mobile, WLL, Landline, etc. of BSNL;
- (c) whether any time bound, district-wise programme has been made for providing the facility to the wait listed people;
- (d) if so, by when the facility would be made available; and
- (e) average time taken during the years 2005, 2006 and 2007 for providing facility to the wait listed people by the BSNL?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT): (a) Sir, in the State of Rajasthan, out of total 39,753 inhabited villages as per census 2001, BSNL has covered 38,645 villages with Village Public Telephone facility as on 31.5.2009. Provisioning of telephone facility in the remaining villages has been planned as per the directives of Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF), Department of Telecom.

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