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(b) Waiting list as on 31.03.2007 (Secondary Switching Area-SSA wise) in Himachal Pradesh is given below:—

Sl.No.	Name of SSA	Waiting List
1.	Shimla	1,187
2.	Solan	1,468
3.	Dharamsala	10,649
4.	Hamirpur	9,819
5.	Mandi	2,264
6..	Kullu	270
TOTAL:		25,657

(c) Yes, Sir. BSNL has taken steps to encourage people to get mobile, WLL and landline connections. Landline waiting list has reduced to 25,657 from 35,837.

(d) In order to increase the capacity of mobile and WLL equipment as well as to cover additional areas, 125 Mobile Base Transceiver Stations (BTSs) and 41 WLL BTS were installed in Himachal Pradesh during the year 2006-07. Net addition in mobile and WLL connections was 2,83,050 and 12,917 respectively during the year 2006-07. During 2007-08, BSNL plans to provide 35,000 WLL and 3,50,000 Mobile connections in Himachal Pradesh.

Cable laying scam in Bihar

3848. SHRI RAJNITI PRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had ordered any enquiry into the cable laying scam under Nalanda Telephone Exchange, Bihar Sharif Division, Bihar which has not been laid at approved depth;

(b) if so, the findings thereof;

(c) whether any action has been taken against the erring officials;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) No, Sir. No such cable laying scam has come to the notice of the Department.

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

Complaints pending under Nalanda Telephone Exchange

3849. SHRI RAJNITI PRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that telephone connection under Nalanda Exchange remain out of order for most of the time;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of pending complaints under Nalanda Exchange which pertain to cable faults and since when; and

(d) by when these faults would be rectified?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) Sir, telephone connections under Nalanda Telephone Exchange are generally working satisfactorily. However, sometimes due to cable cuts, cable theft and non-availability of commercial power supply etc. the services are affected.

(c) and (d) Ten telephone complaints are pending due to cable cut because of road widening works since 05.02.2007. All these telephones are likely to be restored by 15th May, 2007.

Electronic telephone exchanges in Bihar

3850. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of electronic telephone exchanges established in Bihar, district-wise; and