

1	2	3
7.	2006-2007	128
8.	2007-2008	160
9.	2008-2009	255
10.	2009-2010	130 (upto December, 2009)
TOTAL :		5342

Cyber police force

1544.MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal to set up a Cyber Police Force; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SACHIN PILOT) : (a) No, Sir.

- (b) Does not arise.

Private courier service

1545.SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

- (a) whether Government has plans to insist on private couriers to cover uneconomic and distant areas all over the country; and
- (b) if not, in what manner Government plans to cover all the villages in the country under postal services?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Out of a total network of 1,55,015 post offices in the country (as on 31.03.2009), 1,39,144 post offices (approximately 89%) are functioning in rural areas. Basic postal facilities in terms of regular delivery of dak, sale of postage stamps/stationery and clearance of letter boxes are provided in all villages of the country. Residents of villages, where post offices are not available at present, are availing of postal facilities from post offices existing in neighbouring villages.

Broadband coverage

1546.SHRI BHAGIRATH MAJHI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government is making efforts for broadband coverage to reach different parts of the country in three years;

(b) if so, the details worked out so far; and

(c) the status of such coverage in the districts rural agency areas under each panchayat in the country, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The efforts being made by the Government for broadband coverage to reach different parts of the country, *inter-alia*, are as under :

- i. It has been planned to provide broadband connectivity to all Gram Panchayats by May, 2012.
- ii. The Indian Telegraph Act 1885 has been amended to enable provision of Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) support for broadband connectivity to rural and remote areas.
- iii. Subsidy support is being provided for wire-line broadband connectivity to rural & remote areas by leveraging the existing rural exchanges infrastructure and copper wire-line network.
- iv. Notice Inviting Applications (NIA) for auction of Broadband Wireless Access (BWA) Spectrum has been issued on 25.2.2010.
- v. Wi-Fi access in major public utility places like airports, malls, hostels etc. is being implemented in a progressive manner in Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL).

The Circle-wise details of broadband coverage by BSNL in Village Panchayats, District Headquarters, Tehsils etc. are given in the enclosed Statement.

Statement

Circlewise details of broadband coverage

Sl. No.	Name of State	Circle	Village Panchayats		DHQs		Tehsils		BHQs		Cities		Villages	
			Total	Covered	Total	Covered	Total	Covered	Total	Covered	Total	Covered	Total	Covered
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
1.	A & N	A & N	67	56	3	2	7	5	5	2	1	1	501	120
2.	Andhra Pradesh	A P	21870	10786	22	22	316	309	1126	1109	210	210	26613	13125
3.	Assam	Assam	2489	693	26	26	145	96	223	123	125	97	25124	6995
4.	Bihar	Bihar	8463	1744	38	38	102	97	533	302	130	78	39032	8043
5.	Chhattisgarh	Chhattisgarh	9837	2150	18	18	97	54	146	146	116	116	19744	4315
6.	Daman & Diu	Gujarat	14	0										
7.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	Gujarat	10	0	29	29	226	226	226	226	280	280	18159	7014

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
8	Gujarat	Gujarat	14007	7014										
9	Himachal Pradesh	HP	3243	1351	12	12	75	65	75	50	57	47	17495	7288
10	Haryana	Haryana	6253	4157	20	20	67	66	117	116	68	68	6944	4630
11	Jhar-khand	Jhar-khand	4559	425	24	24	35	35	211	101	47	47	29354	2736
12	J & K	J & K	4893	885	22	22	73	61	135	111	127	127	6417	2533
13	Karna-taka	Karna-taka	5652	2460	29	29	176	176	176	176	237	237	27436	11235
14	Kerala	Kerala	991	89										
15	Laksha-deep	Kerala	10	5	16	16	63	63	152	152	58	58	1372	1364
17	Madhya Pradesh	MP	23004	2711	50	50	272	271	313	311	354	160	52117	6142
18	Goa	Maha-rashtra	188	186										
19	Maha-rashtra	Maha-rashtra	27891	9180	35	35	304	304	359	342	421	405	43652	10116
20	Mizoram	NE-I	764	100										
21	Tripura	NE-I	1003	29	19	18	49	31	101	45	61	50	7347	535
22	Megha-laya	NE-I	0	0										
23	Nagaland	NE-II	1110	982										
24	Arunachal Pradesh	NE-II	1766	70	36	32	120	47	171	59	65	36	7456	1889
25	Manipur	NE-II	1514	60										
26	Orissa	Orissa	6494	1379	30	30	171	171	314	311	221	221	47529	10093
27	Chandi-garh	Punjab		17	0									
28	Punjab	Punjab	12223	9918	22	22	76	76	145	145	157	157	12367	10021
29	Pondi-cherry	Tamil Nadu	98	98										
30	Tamil Nadu	Tamil Nadu	11433	7311	31	31	192	190	362	362	746	743	14670	9380
31	Tamil Nadu	Chennai	1730	139	3	3	21	21	27	27	1	1	1739	280
32	Rajas-than	Rajas-than	8370	2424	33	33	241	240	237	236	222	222	41353	5672
33	Uttar Pradesh	UPE	37607	7913	50	50	181	177	603	484	464	464	77575	16323
34	Uttar Pradesh	UPW	13660	2156	21	21	99	99	238	236	74	42	23781	3753
35	Utta-ranchal	Utta-ranchal	7546	1350	13	13	78	75	95	93	51	47	16336	2923

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
36.	West Bengal	West Bengal	3354	1137	22	22	68	65	332	181	284	133	37512	12831
37	Sikkim	West Bengal	163	66										
38	West Bengal	Kolkatta	0	0	5	5	0	0	22	22	1	1	0	0
TOTAL			242279	79924	624	618	3254	3020	6422	5466	4577	4047	60125	159356

DHQs-District Headquarters

BHQs-Block Headquarters

Post offices in U.P.

1547. SHRI MOHAMMED ADEEB : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) the details of post offices and branch post offices in Uttar Pradesh where Post Masters/Branch Post Masters and Postmen have not been provided;

(b) the reasons for the same; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken to provide such personnel in each post office and sub-post office?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT) : (a) and (b) All departmental post offices have been provided with Postmasters and delivery post offices with Postman/Gramin Dak Sevak Mail Deliverer. The Branch Post Offices are functioning with regularly appointed Branch Postmasters, by making substitute or provisional arrangements against short time and long term vacancies.

(c) Whenever a post falls vacant in a departmental post office, the post is filled up by transfer/deputation within the sanctioned strength of the Postal Unit or by making officiating arrangement. The posts falling vacant in Branch Post Office are filled up immediately either by regular appointments or redeployment from other offices or by making substitute arrangements.

Allotment of spectrum to GSM Operators

1548. SHRI AMAR SINGH : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been discrimination in allotment of spectrum to GSM operators initially;

(b) if so, the names of the GSM operators and the amount of initial spectrum allotted, both 4.4 MHz and 6.2 MHz in each circle to the GSM operators; and

(c) the criteria for issuing different MHz spectrum to different operators?