

(b) if so, the details of the scheme; and

(c) the cost of the projected scheme and the progress; so far made in implementation thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SACHIN PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir. The Commonwealth Express Train showcasing achievements by Department of Information Technology (DIT) in the field of ICT and e-Governance was launched on 24th June, 2010 and ended its journey on 14th Oct., 2010.

(b) The Commonwealth Express, the Exhibition Train on the theme of Information Technology and Sports, run jointly by Department of Information Technology (DIT), Ministry of Communications and Information Technology and Railway Sports Promotion Board (RSPB), Ministry of Railways was flagged off on 24th June, 2010. It ended its journey on 14th October 2010, covering 49 unique halts across the Nation.

In the train, the IT part was exhibited in 6 coaches by DIT and the Sports part was exhibited in 5 coaches by RSPB. DIT exhibited and demonstrated capability in general, the work done in the country in the area of Information and Communications Technology, and the initiatives carried out by the DIT-affiliated entities in the fields of e-governance, infrastructure, technology relevant to rural India, language interfacing technology, etc. At the end of the journey, the cumulative footfall (visitor count) for about 100 days of exhibition was approximately 7.35 lakhs.

(c) The cost incurred for Commonwealth Express Train by DIT is Rs 3, 77, 26,899/-.

#### **Interruptions in BSNL and MTNL networks**

3304. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for frequent interruptions in network of BSNL and MTNL while talking on a call and what steps Government intends to take to rectify this problem;

(b) the total number of landline and mobile telephones of BSNL and MTNL in the country, State-wise; and

(c) the market share of BSNL and MTNL in comparison to other networks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI MILIND DEORA): (a) Though Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) are in general meeting the Quality of Service (QoS) benchmarks prescribed by Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) but still some complaints of subscribers regarding the interruptions in network are received by BSNL and MTNL, which are attended by their respective field units. To further improve the QoS, BSNL and MTNL augment their telecom network progressively so as to enhance coverage and capacity based on techno-commercial considerations.

(b) The total number of wireline and wireless telephones of BSNL and MTNL in the country, License Area wise are given in Statement-I (*See below*).

(c) The market share of total number of telephone subscribers of BSNL and MTNL in comparison to other private operators is given in statement-II.

***Statement-I***

*Service area-wise Wireline and Wireless telephone subscribers  
of BSNL and MTNL (as on 30.06.2011)*

Sl. No.	Operator	Service Area	Wireline Subscribers	Wireless Subscribers
1	2	3	4	5
1	BSNL	Andhra Pradesh	19,78,372	79,96,450
2		Assam	2,53,835	15,27,532
3		Bihar	11,80,087	60,88,425
4		Gujarat	16,82,786	40,26,956
5		Haryana	5,90,058	30,49,879
6		Himachal Pradesh	3,26,810	16,99,374
7		Jammu & Kashmir	2,15,276	9,17,986
8		Karnataka	20,16,969	68,00,816
9		Kerala	31,57,485	60,28,208

1	2	3	4	5
10		Madhya Pradesh	9,81,701	49,52,054
11		Maharashtra (excluding Mumbai)	24,24,908	64,26,492
12		North East	2,60,043	15,40,597
13		Orissa	5,60,552	39,88,945
14		Punjab	11,99,005	46,43,263
15		Rajasthan	11,23,811	57,04,137
16		Tamil Nadu (excluding Chennai)	17,27,011	70,81,197
17		Uttar Pradesh (East)	13,57,156	101,83,078
18		Uttar Pradesh (West)	8,14,006	45,10,993
19		West Bengal (excluding Kolkata)	7,13,694	33,61,000
20		Kolkata	11,85,656	24,53,216
21		Chennai	9,75,586	15,47,227
		Total	2,47,24,807	9,37,27,825
22	MTNL	Delhi	15,38,695	26,68,680
23		Mumbai	19,04,681	28,36,960
		TOTAL	34,43,376	55,05,640

**Statement-II**

*Market share of BSNL and MTNL in comparison to other private operators*

Sl. No.	Name of Telecom Operator	%age share in total number of Subscribers as on 30.06.2011
1	2	3
1	BSNL	13.37
2	MTNL	1.01
3	Bharti Airtel Limited	19.47

1	2	3
4	Reliance	16.31
5	Vodafone Essar	15.97
6	TATA Teleservices Ltd	10.42
7	Idea Mobile Communication	10.73
8	Aircel	6.54
9	Loop Mobile	0.36
10	Quadrant Televentures Ltd. (Formerly HFCL Ltd)	0.18
11	Sistema Shyam	1.33
12	Uninor	2.97
13	Stel	0.37
14	Etisalat DB Telecom	0.15
15	Videocon	0.80

**Unwanted telemarketing calls**

3305. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any regulation to curb unwanted telemarketing calls which are huge disturbance to the telephone subscribers;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether TRAI had also issued any new regulations in this regard;

(c) what are the other actions taken by Government to prevent unwanted telemarketing calls; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI MILIND DEORA): (a) to (d) Yes Sir. In order to curb Unsolicited Commercial Communications, the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) notified the Telecom Unsolicited