

(b) and (c) The market share of BSNL has decreased in the last few years. The details of market share of BSNL in landline and mobile connections for the last three years are as follows:

As on	% age market share	
	Landline	Wireless
31.03.2011	72.64	11.32
31.03.2012	69.88	10.71
30.06.2012	69.14	10.55

#### **Scheme for providing internet connections in Panchayats**

†2226. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal to implement a scheme at national level for providing internet connection to Panchayats;

(b) if so, the number of Panchayats targeted to be provided with internet connections in the first phase of the scheme;

(c) by when the target of the first phase would be achieved; and

(d) the time-frame fixed for bringing the rest of the Panchayats of the country under this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI MILIND DEORA): (a) The Government has approved the scheme for creation of National Optical Fibre Network (NOFN) on 25th October, 2011, for providing Broadband connectivity to 2.5 lakh village Panchayats through Optical Fibre Cable.

(b) to (d) All the Gram Panchayats in the country will be connected through the OFC cable in single phase and in two years time.

#### **Auction of 2G spectrum**

†2227. SHRI RAMCHANDRA PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has been unable to make provisions for auction of 2G spectrum on scheduled time as per Supreme Court's direction;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.