

BSNL services in Andhra Pradesh

*25. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the share of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. (BSNL) in telecom services in Andhra Pradesh is on the decline; and

(b) the details of revenue earned by BSNL, during the last five years in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) The market share of telephone subscribers of BSNL in the State of Andhra Pradesh has increased during last two financial years. The details of market share of BSNL as on 31st March of 2010, 2011 and 2012 are as follows:—

As on	BSNL's Market share in the State of Andhra Pradesh (%)
31.03.2010	13.77
31.03.2011	14.77
31.03.2012	15.88

(b) The details of revenue earned, by BSNL during last five financial years in Andhra Pradesh are as follows:—

Sl. No.	Financial Year	Revenue Earned by BSNL in the State of Andhra Pradesh (Rs. in crore)
1.	2007-08	2507.42
2.	2008-09	2544.90
3.	2009-10	2405.06
4.	2010-11	2539.68
5.	2011-12	2399.43

Mobile services in remote areas of Uttarakhand

†*26. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether Government is aware that mobile services remain disrupted in remote areas of Uttarakhand due to weak network of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL);

(b) the details of efforts made by the Ministry to ensure that the benefits of mobile services reach the people of remote areas of the State; and

(c) whether the Ministry would provide better services than the private companies?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) to (c) Global System for Mobile communication (GSM) based Cellular Mobile Telephone Service being provided by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) is working satisfactorily in its Licensed Service Areas including Uttarakhand and is, in general, meeting the Quality of Service (QoS) parameters prescribed by Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI). However, due to road widening works in remote hilly areas undertaken by various agencies in Uttarakhand, the transmission media gets affected badly and its restoration takes longer time due to climatic condition and road approach not being proper in remote hilly terrain. Due to disturbance in transmission media, mobile services get affected.

BSNL augments its mobile network progressively so as to enhance coverage, capacity and to further improve the Quality of Service. BSNL is also optimizing its network continuously for its performance. For expansion and improvement of mobile services in Uttarakhand, various steps are being taken by BSNL like re-orientation of antenna, regular monitoring of Base Transceiver Station (BTS) sites, upgradation in configuration of BTS etc.

In remote/rural areas of Uttarakhand circle, the telecom services provided by BSNL are, in general, better or comparable to the private operators.

Economic losses suffered by Railway Departments

†*27. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal from Railways to cut the expenditure to be incurred on development in order to adjust imbalance between income and expenditure of its budget;

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