

market share of wireline and wireless telephones of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) during the last three years and current year are as follows:

As on	%age Market Share of BSNL		%age Market Share of MTNL (in Delhi and Mumbai)	
	Wireline	Wireless	Wireline	Wireless
31.03.2011	72.64	11.32	59.41	7.43
31.03.2012	69.88	10.71	60.68	7.40
31.03.2013	67.69	11.66	58.17	7.06
30.11.2013	65.72	11.16	57.68	5.06

#### Grameen Dak Sevaks

‡1784. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

- (a) the State-wise number of Grameen Dak Sevaks working throughout the country at present;
- (b) whether the Ministry proposed to appoint these Grameen Dak Sevaks to the posts of postman and MTS on the basis of their seniority;
- (c) if not, by when these Grameen Dak Sevaks are likely to be appointed to the posts of postman and MTS;
- (d) whether the Ministry has received a demand letter from them demanding better facilities; and
- (e) if so, the details of the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHRIMATI KRUPARANI KILLI) : (a) As on 01.01.2013, the total working strength of various categories of Gramin Dak Sevaks is 263326. State-wise and UT wise details is given in Statement (*See below*).

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(b) Statutory recruitment rules of MTS already provide for their absorption to the posts of MTS on the basis of seniority. However, there is no proposal for their absorption to the posts of Postman on the basis of seniority.

(c) Absorption of Gramin Dak Sevaks to the posts of postman and MTS can only be made as per the provisions of statutory recruitment rules of postman and MTS.

(d) It is not clear from the question, which specific letter is being mention. However, some letters regarding inclusion of the category of Gramin Dak Sevaks within the purview of 7th Central pay Commission have been received.

(e) Gramin Dak Sevaks are not Central Government employees and this issue is within the Domain of DoPT and Ministry of Finance.

***Statement***

*Details of various categories of Gramin Dak Sewaks State-wise and UT-wise*

Sl. No.	Name of Circle / State/UTs	State/UT-wise actual strength of Gramin Dak Sevaks as on 01.01.2013
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	26837
2.	Assam	8454
3.	Bihar	15069
4.	Chhattisgarh	5009
5.	Delhi	177
6.	Gujarat	13844
6a	Dadar and Nagar Haveli (UT)	50
6b	Daman and Diu (UT)	26

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1	2	3
7.	Haryana	3985
8.	Himachal Pradesh	6315
9.	Jammu and Kashmir	2731
10.	Jharkhand	5882
11.	Karnataka	15797
12.	Kerala	11622
12a.	Lakshadweep (UT)	9
12b.	Puducherry (UT)	10
13.	Madhya Pradesh	12727
14.	Maharashtra	19893
14a.	Goa (State)	353
15.	Arunachal Pradesh (State)	434
16.	Manipur (State)	1755
17.	Meghalaya (State)	1024
18.	Mizoram (State)	910
19.	Nagaland (State)	808
20.	Tripura (State)	1339
21.	Odisha	14951
22.	Punjab	5675
22a.	Chandigarh (UT)	39
23.	Rajasthan	13370

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1	2	3
24.	Tamil Nadu	21575
24a.	Puducherry (UT)	109
25.	Uttar Pradesh	30665
26.	Uttar Pradesh	6124
27.	West Bengal	15123
28.	Sikkim (State)	151
29.	Andaman and Nicobar (UT)	484
TOTAL		263326

#### **Mobile signal problem in Uttarakhand**

‡1785.. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) the reasons for BSNL mobiles not catching the signals in the Uttarkashi, Chamoli, Pithoragarh and Champawat districts of the frontier State of Uttarakhand;

(b) whether the reason for the inability to catch the signals is the shortage of towers.

(c) if not, the steps being taken by the Ministry to ensure that the mobile signals reach the consumers and the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the means through which the Ministry proposes to redress the problem being faced by consumers and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHRIMATI KRUPARANI KILLI) : (a) Mobile Services of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) are available in Uttarkashi, Chamoli, Pithoragarh and Champawat districts. However, some far flung areas of these districts are not covered by BSNL Mobile Services due to shortage of mobile towers, availability of electricity, issues of access etc.

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