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Idea	25.50	25.50
Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL)	1.50	1.00
Reliance Communications	132.50	132.50
Reliance Telecom	32.00	32.00
Sistema	3.00	3.00
Tata	89.00	89.00
Telewings	13.50	7.50
Vodafone	84.00	54.50
TOTAL	950.50	848.50
3G Services		
Aircel	156.50	131.00
BSNL	70.00	62.50
Vodafone	2.50	0.50
TOTAL	229.00	194.00

The dropping of calls in wireless network cannot be completely eradicated as it is a world-wide phenomenon and happens in every wireless network due to various reasons including poor radio coverage, radio interference, loading of available spectrum, change in pattern of traffic, shutdown of sites due to power failures etc.; however, the Government and TRAI take all possible steps with the help of TSPs to address the problem of call drop and bring it down within the permissible limit.

Increasing the speed of internet by BSNL

1185. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH MANHAS: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that BSNL is providing broadband services in the country; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by BSNL to increase the broadband internet speed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) and (b) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) is providing broadband services throughout the country except Delhi and Mumbai. BSNL has taken following steps to strengthen its broadband network and increase

internet speed:-

- (i) Augmentation of Broadband Core network links.
- (ii) Peering with many content providers.
- (iii) Installation of Catching Servers in BSNL Network.
- (iv) Augmentation of Broadband network traffic carrying capacity by upgradation of various equipments involved in delivering internet services.

Wi-Fi facility at tourist destinations

1186. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to provide Wi-Fi facilities at hundred tourist destinations across the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has identified the places where these services will be provided, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government has decided to provide Wi-Fi facilities at 100 tourist destinations across the country through the Public Sector Undertakings, namely Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited, Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited, RailTel and Power Grid Corporation of India Limited with the funding support of the Ministry of Tourism. The list of the 100 tourist places where the Central Government has decided to provide Wi-Fi facility is given in the Statement.

Statement

*List of 100 tourist sites where Wi-Fi facility is to be provided
by the Central Government*

Sl. No.	Name of the sites	State/UT
1.	Water Sports Complex, Aberdeen Bazar, Port Blair	Andaman and Nicobor Islands
2.	Ramakrishna Beach, Vizag	Andhra Pradesh
3.	Tirumala Temple	Andhra Pradesh
4.	Char Minar, Hyderabad	Andhra Pradesh/Telangana
5.	Salarjung Museum, Hyderabad	Andhra Pradesh/Telangana
6.	Nehru Zoological Park, Hyderabad	Andhra Pradesh/Telangana
7.	Hussein Sagar Lake, Hyderabad	Andhra Pradesh/Telangana