

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS  
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1944  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, 2021**

**LANDLINE TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS**

**1944 Shri M.V. Shreyams Kumar:**

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of existing landline telephone connections in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the reasons for decline, if any, in the number of landline connections during the last two years;
- (c) whether Government has any proposals for alternative use of the existing landline connections, its infrastructure and facilities;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the future of the said infrastructure and facilities and present status of 5G technology implementations in India ?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS  
(SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN)**

**(a) & (b)** The service area wise number of landline connections in the country during the last three years and the current year is given at **Annexure**. The decline in the number of landline connections is, inter-alia, due to the users finding mobile services to be more convenient with regards to its utility, mobility and availability at all times.

**(c) to (e)** The service providers are progressively making use of the existing landline infrastructure for providing Broadband services in the country.

As far as the status of 5G is concerned, the use of 5G technology in telecommunications networks has not yet commenced in the country. However, the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has granted permissions to Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) namely M/s Bharti Airtel Ltd., M/s Reliance JioInfocomm Ltd., M/s Vodafone Idea Ltd. on 27th May 2021 and M/s Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited on 23rd June 2021 for conducting 5G Technology trials with a validity period of 6 months.

**ANNEXURE**

**Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) & (b) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question no. 1944 to be answered on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2021 regarding Landline Telephone Connections .**

**Service area wise landline connections during the last three years and current year as on 31.05.2021.**

**(in Million)**

S.No.	Service area	As on 31st March			As on 31st May
		2019	2020	2021	2021
1	Andhra Pradesh	1.44	1.22	1.41	1.59
2	Assam	0.11	0.1	0.13	0.16
3	Bihar	0.23	0.16	0.24	0.3
4	Gujarat	1.24	0.87	0.95	0.96
5	Haryana	0.27	0.24	0.23	0.27
6	Himachal Pradesh	0.11	0.1	0.09	0.1
7	Jammu & Kashmir	0.1	0.12	0.17	0.22
8	Karnataka	2.15	2.1	2.16	2.28
9	Kerala	1.88	1.54	1.21	1.38
10	Madhya Pradesh	0.92	0.62	0.72	0.79
11	Maharashtra	1.52	1.31	1.26	1.36
12	North East	0.1	0.09	0.10	0.13
13	Orissa	0.24	0.2	0.21	0.26
14	Punjab	0.77	0.66	0.71	0.75
15	Rajasthan	0.54	0.45	0.47	0.55
16	Tamil Nadu	2.19	1.91	1.89	2.09
17	Uttar Pradesh (East)	0.45	0.37	0.41	0.46
18	Uttar Pradesh (West)	0.3	0.25	0.34	0.41
19	West Bengal	0.23	0.17	0.26	0.3
20	Kolkata	0.71	0.62	0.67	0.69
21	Delhi	3.26	3.18	3.55	3.57
22	Mumbai	2.92	2.86	3.06	3.05
All- India Total		21.7	19.13	20.24	21.66

Source: DoT

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