

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 605
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16TH SEPTEMBER, 2020**

MARKET SHARE OF BSNL AND MTNL

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether MTNL and BSNL are more indebted due to the loss of market share in landline and mobile services than private telecommunication companies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the debt reported by BSNL and MTNL during the last three years and the current year along with the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the separate number of mobile and landline connections surrendered during the said period, company-wise?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS, EDUCATION AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE)**

(a) Market share of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) for the last three years are as under:

Market share as on	Market share of BSNL (in %age)			Market share of MTNL* (in %age)		
	Wireline	Wireless	Total	Wireline	Wireless	Total
31.03.2018	53.78	9.44	10.30	54.13	3.94	7.16
31.03.2019	51.47	9.96	10.72	52.51	3.83	6.95
31.03.2020	43.16	10.35	10.92	48.80	3.68	6.61

* Market share of MTNL is calculated in its LSAs(Delhi and Mumbai) only.

MTNL and BSNL are indebted due to stiff competition in telecom sector resulting in reduced tariffs, high staff cost and absence of 4G services (except on a limited basis in certain areas for BSNL).

(b) Debt reported by BSNL and MTNL during the last three years and the current year is as under:

Debt as on	(in Rupees crore)	
	BSNL	MTNL
31.03.2018	9,452	16,974
31.03.2019	15,988	19,692
31.03.2020	21,902	22,966
31.08.2020	21,902	23,950

Loans are availed to meet the capital expenditure and shortfall in operational revenue and expenditure.

(c) Number of landline and mobile connections of BSNL and MTNL surrendered during the last three years are as under:

Period	Connections surrendered in BSNL		Connections surrendered in MTNL	
	Landline	Mobile	Landline	Mobile
2017-20	41,34,029	3,45,000	5,28,520	4,88,491
