

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2893
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30TH JULY, 2009

WAGES IN BSNL

2893. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of casual labours and contract workers that are engaged in BSNL;
- (b) the amount of wages paid to them; and
- (c) whether there is any proposal to increase their wages?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS &
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT)

- (a) Sir, 3361 casual labourers are engaged in BSNL.

In so far as contract workers are concerned, as a policy BSNL does not recruit people on contract basis. However, certain jobs are outsourced through contractors. The number of workers employed by the contractors varies from time to time depending upon the nature of the job.

- (b) BSNL does not maintain separate account for the wages paid to the casual labourers. However, the amount booked under "Wages" during the year 2008-09 is Rs.33,49,44,362/-.

Contract workers are paid wages by the contractors as per Government guidelines.

- (c) Yes, Sir. There is a proposal to increase wages for casual labour.

The Contractors are instructed to pay the wages as fixed by the Government. The wages are revised whenever the Government revises the same.