
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 20-F

**ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

for the fiscal year ended **March 31, 1998**

Commission file number **1-8819**

**BRITISH TELECOMMUNICATIONS public limited
company**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

ENGLAND AND WALES

(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

BT CENTRE, 81 NEWGATE STREET, LONDON EC1A 7AJ, ENGLAND

(Address of principal executive offices)

Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Name of each exchange on which registered
American Depositary Shares Ordinary shares of 25p each	New York Stock Exchange New York Stock Exchange*

* Not for trading, but only in connection with the registration of American Depositary Shares, pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

None

Securities for which there is a reporting obligation pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Act:

None

Indicate the number of outstanding shares of each of the issuer's classes of capital or common stock as of the close of the period covered by the Annual Report.

6,411,214,670 **Ordinary shares of 25p each**

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes No

Indicate by check mark which financial statement item the registrant has elected to follow.

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