

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

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WLL SERVICE
CHINTAMAN NAVSHA WANAGA

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

- (a) the details of States where BSNL mobile service is available at present;
- (b) whether the Government propose to introduce WLL service in Hilly and remote areas of the country especially in Maharashtra; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(SHRI . PRADHAN)

- (a) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has launched its Cellular mobile services in all the states except the states of North Eastern region, Jammu & Kashmir and Assam.
- (b) & (c) Yes, Sir. BSNL has planned to provide 16.61 Lakh telephone connections on WLL in the country in including hilly & remote areas during 2003-2004, out of which 2.21 lakh connections will be provided in the state of Maharashtra.