

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:156  
ANSWERED ON:06.03.2000  
CELLULAR MOBILE TELEPHONE SERVICE BY DOT  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:**

- (a) Whether the Department of Telecommunication (DOT) is entering into the mobile telephone service;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) whether the DOT has geared itself to meet the competition from the private operators; and
- (d) if so, the details in this regard? \*\*\*\*\*

**Answer**

MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS(SHRI RAMVILAS PASWAN)

a) to d) : A statement is laid on the table of the house.

Statement in respect of Parts (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 156 for 6th March, 2000 regarding Cellular Mobile Telephone Service by DOT.

Department of Telecom Services (DTS) has proposed to introduce cellular telephoneservice initially as a pilot project covering 4 States of the country. The cities proposed for pilot project are given in the Annexure. Successful implementation of pilot project, case for wider introduction of cellular service shall be considered.

DTS is entering in the service of cellular mobile telephony as a third operator as per the provisions in the New Telecom Policy 1999. Naturally the DTS shall face the competition from the private operators, for which appropriate action shall be taken to meet the challenge.

**ANNEXURE**

Andhra Pradesh

- 1. Hyderabad      4000 Lines
- 2. Vijaywada      1000 Lines
- 3. Tirupati        1000 Lines
- 4. Guntur          1000 Lines
- 5. Visakhapatnam   1000 Lines
- 6. Amlapuram      1000 Lines
- 7 Kakinada        1000 Lines

Tamilnadu

- 8. Chennai        4000 Lines
- 9. Madurai        1000 Lines
- 10. Coimbatore    1000 Lines

Bihar

- 11. Patna          4000 Lines
- 12. Bihar sarrif    1000 Lines

13. Hazipur	1000 Lines
14. Badh	1000 Lines
15. Arah	1000 Lines
16. Rajgir	1000 Lines

West Bengal

17. Calcutta	5000 Lines
18. Haldia	1000 Lines

Total 31,000 Lines