

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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WAITING LIST FOR TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS IN BIHAR
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether mobile phone connections are not available in Madhya Pradesh for the last couple of months;
- (b) if so, the action being taken to provide additional mobile phone connections in the State;
- (c) the list of persons on waiting list for mobile phone connections in Madhya Pradesh as on November 31, 2003; and
- (d) by when connections are likely to be given to them?

Answer

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

- (a) No, Sir. Private Cellular Operators, namely, M/S Reliance telecom Ltd, M/S Bharti Cellular Ltd. and M/s BTA Cellcom Ltd have been providing Mobile Phone connections in Madhya Pradesh wherever their network is operational. Bharat Shanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) have also been providing cell phone connections in Madhya Pradesh prior to three months wherever their network is operational. However, for the last three months, BSNL has not been in a position to release additional connections owing to constraint in the capacity of the Cellular Network.
- (b) Action has been initiated by BSNL for the procurement of equipment for expansion of its cellular network through a fresh tender.
- (c) BSNL is not maintaining any waiting list for mobile connections.
- (d) New connections are likely to be provided during the next financial year on availability of equipment by BSNL.