

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

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CELLULAR TELEPHONES IN ANDHRA PRADESH
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government propose to provide cellular telephone facility and wireless in local loop (WLL) technology in all the villages of Krishna district in Andhra Pradesh during 2000-2001;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise;
- (c) the time by which the said work is likely to be completed; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS(SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

- a) & (b) Department of Telecom Services (DTS) is initially introducing cellular mobile service during 2000-01 as a pilot project in some cities of the country. The city of Vijayawada as part of Krishna District is being covered under the pilot project. Wireless in local loop(WLL) service is planned in three SDCA viz., Nuzid, Tiruvuru and Nandigama in Krishna Distt. covering around 100 villages .
- c) The pilot project for Cellular Mobile Service as stated above is likely to be completed by Dec 2000. WLL service in above mentioned SDCAs is likely to be commissioned by March 2001.
- d) Not Applicable, in view of (C) above.