

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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CELL PHONE SERVICE OF BSNL
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government proposes to introduce cell phone of BSNL in remote areas of the country especially in Chhattisgarh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) to (c): Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. (BSNL) has already introduced the Cell Phone services in all the states, including Chattisgarh and has extended its mobile services upto DHQ and important National Highways. BSNL has planned to extend the same upto Tehsil HQ during the current financial year including covering of all National Highways from where incidental coverage to some of the remote areas falling along the highways also get covered.