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TELEPHONE FACILITY IN JHARKHAND
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any action plan has been formulated to provide telephone facility in all the villages under the Markacho Block of Kodarma district in Jharkhand;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the telephone service has been provided to all the village panchayats of the said block;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor and the time by which the telephone facility is likely to be provided there?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes, Sir. BSNL has planned to provide telecom facility in all the villages under Markacho Block of Kodarma district in Jharkhand.
- (b) & (c): Out of 144 villages in Markacho Block, 75 villages have already been provided with telephone facility. The remaining 69 villages are planned to be provided with telecom facility by Digital Satellite Phone Terminals (DSPTs) which shall be provided subject to availability of funds.
- (d) to (f): All the 18 Panchayats in the said Block have already been provided with telecom facility.