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WAITING LIST OF MOBILE PHONE SERVICE
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether mobile phone service has not been provided to the applicants in Jamshedpur so far;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the number of applicants in the waiting list of mobile service as on date; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to provide mobile telephone service to the applicants at the earliest?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) Mobile Phone Service has been provided to the applicants in Jamshedpur under Bihar Telecom Circle Service Area by the private operators as well as Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL).

As reported by private operators, they do not have waiting list for mobile connections in Jamshedpur. BSNL has reported a waiting list of 23,846 in Jamshedpur Secondary Switching Area (SSA). Out of these, number of applicants on waiting list in Jamshedpur city and in remaining part of Jamshedpur SSA is respectively 17347 and 6499.

(d) In Jamshedpur SSA, BSNL has planned a capacity expansion of 41,000 lines during the current financial year (2005-06) to cope up the present and future demand of mobile service.