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MOBILE SERVICE IN THE COUNTRY
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of mobile connections provided by the BSNL and the MTNL in each State as on date;
- (b) the total number of BTS or mobile service equipments installed in each State;
- (c) whether the existing mobile equipments are enough in number to cater to the mobile connections already provided;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to provide better mobile service in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) The total number of mobile connections provided by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) as on 31.01.2005 are 86,99,352 and 6,89,521 respectively. The State-wise details are given in the Annexure.
- (b) The total number of BTS installed by BSNL and MTNL as on 31.01.2005 are 8407 and 611 respectively. The State-wise details are given in the Annexure.
- (c) Yes, Sir.
- (d) & (e): MTNL is providing mobile service in Delhi and Mumbai metros only. MTNL is making continuous efforts to improve its quality of service and enhance progressively the capacity of its mobile network. MTNL is offering WAP, GPRS (General Packet Radio Service), MMS (Multi Media Messaging Service) and other value added services at par with private operators.

BSNL launched its cellular mobile service in October, 2002 and within a short span of two years and 4 months, it has already covered 583 District Headquarters out of 596 District Headquarters and 3483 cities/towns in the country including Tehsil Headquarters, National Highways, important Pilgrimage centers, tourist places etc with GSM Mobile Service. BSNL is providing Voice and SMS over its GSM network in all its licensed Service Areas. Further, it has launched GPRS and MMS in all Service Areas except West Zone (Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat Telecom Circle Service Areas) where action has been taken for launch of the said services in 2005. BSNL has also taken action for launching of EDGE (Enhanced Data Rates for GSM Evolution) for provision of high data rate, over its mobile network in 2005. BSNL is further augmenting existing mobile telephone capacity by 12 million lines during 2005-06.

Thus BSNL and MTNL are keeping pace with the advancement in technology and providing better services to their subscribers.

ANNEXURE

Circle-wise Number of cellular connections and BTS installed by BSNL and MTNL as on 31.1.2005

Sl. No.	Circle	Working Connections	No. of BTS
1	Andaman & Nicobar	8846	8
2	Andhara Pradesh	805290	697
3	Assam	149800	207
4	Bihar	237752	277
5	Chattisgarh	32843	55
6	Chennai Telephone District	316668	298
7	Delhi (MTNL)	318127	296
8	Gujart	520505	507
9	Himachal Pradesh	101883	121
10	Haryana	286750	248
11	Jammu & Kashmir	146033	122
12	Jharkhand	164331	200
13	Karnataka	682159	768

14	Kerala	739091	703
15	Kolkata	248699	157
Telephones (Excluding West Bengal)			
16	Madhya Pradesh	125644	197
17	Maharashtra (Including Goa exluding Mumbai)	690277	550
18	Mumbai (MTNL)	371394	315
19	NE I (Mizoram, Meghalaya, Tripura)	46246	63
20	NE Ii (Nagaland, Manipur, Arunachal Pradesh)	33597	63
21	Orissa	291233	238
22	Punjab	342928	410
23	Rajasthan	370527	366
24	Tamil Nadu (Including Pondichery & excluding Chennai TD)	822977	795
25	Uttar Pradesh (E)	714664	633
26	Uttar Pradesh (W)	407545	314
27	Uttaranchal	131069	109
28	West Bengal (Including Sikkim & excluding Kolkata)	281995	301
Total		9388873	9018