

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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MOBILE SERVICE IN ANDHRA PRADESH
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether mobile phone service has been provided in all the districts upto Tehsil level in Andhra Pradesh including Naxalite affected areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) Mobile phone service has been provided by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) in all the District Headquarters (DHQs) covering 210 Tehsil Headquarters out of 243 Tehsil Headquarters in the State of Andhra Pradesh including naxalite affected areas.
- (c) & (d) BSNL is augmenting its cellular mobile network and all the remaining Tehsil Headquarters including naxalite affected areas in the State of Andhra Pradesh are expected to be covered during next year.