

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

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INSTALLATION OF BTS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to install Basic Telephone System (BTS) or sophisticated equipments in each State specially in Jharkhand;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the total number of BTS and sophisticated equipments installed during the last three years and the current year till date, State-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has received any complaints in regard to network jam and unsatisfactory mobile service in the country;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether any effective steps have been taken by the Government to improve the quality of mobile service; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) is installing latest technology telecommunication equipment including in the State of Jharkhand with a view to meet customers satisfaction and compete with other telecom operators.

(c) Since the roll out of BSNL's countrywide mobile services on 19th October, 2002, number of Base Transceiver Stations (BTS) which are in operation are 12,756 including 214 in the State of Jharkhand. Additional 18,095 base stations including 290 stations in Jharkhand State have been proposed to be added. State-wise details are given in the Annexure.

(d) to (g) Some complaints of Mobile network congestion have been received pertaining to some parts of Ranchi, Jamshedpur, Deoghar, Dumka, Pakur and Bokaro. In this reference, action has already been taken by BSNL for augmentation of Mobile network capacity in Jharkhand by 2.5 lakh lines during the current financial year to remove the congestion, improve the quality of mobile service and to provide new mobile connections. Further, Mobile network is optimized for its performance continuously and monitoring of the network has been strengthened by BSNL to ensure performance as per the Quality of Service parameters prescribed by Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI).

ANNEXURE

STATE-WISE DETAILS OF STATUS AND PLAN OF MOBILE BTS OF BSNL

Sl.
No. State No. of existing BTS Additional BTS planned
in 2005 (Approx.) EAST ZONE

1.	Andaman and Nicobar	17	33
2.	Assam	695	330
3.	Bihar	398	534
4.	Jharkhand	214	290
5.	North East	190	264
6.	Orissa	319	505
7.	West Bengal	529	1576

TOTAL 2362 3532

SOUTH ZONE

1. Andhra Pradesh 910 1180 2. Karnataka 1003 1059 3. Kerala 908 1292 4. Tamil Nadu 1402 1698

TOTAL 4223 5229

WEST ZONE

1. Gujarat 796 1612
2. Madhya Pradesh 393 760
3. Chattisgarh 111 224
4. Maharashtra 1028 2016

TOTAL 2328 4612

NORTH ZONE

1. Haryana 511 517
2. Himachal Pradesh 259 270
3. Jammu and Kashmir 322 284
4. Punjab 415 1076
5. Rajasthan 387 955
6. Uttaranchal 189 214
7. Uttar Pradesh 1760 1406

TOTAL 3843 4722

GRAND TOTAL 12756 18095