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INSTALLATION OF MOBILE PHONE TOWERS IN GUJARAT

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

- (a) whether the number of towers set up for providing telecommunication facilities and proper functioning of cellular telephone facilities in Gujarat State is adequate;
- (b) if not, the number of towers proposed to be utilized and the population likely to be covered; and
- (c) the time by which the telephone facilities are likely to be made available through MCPP at the places in Gujarat State and where landline telephone facility is not possible under new policy?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Sir, there is a requirement of additional Mobile Base Stations (Towers) to cater to the additional demands and to increase the coverage of BSNL's cellular services in Gujarat State. Accordingly, BSNL is in the process of augmenting its network by adding about 1000 Base Stations (Towers) thereby extending the population covered by mobile services to about 4 crores in the State.

(c) Multi Channel Per Carrier (MCPC) systems are employed for providing long distance junctions through satellite and not for providing telephone to end users. BSNL has not envisaged provision of MCPC system for the State