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MOBILE SERVICES

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

- (a) whether the Government have provided the mobile services in all districts and tehsil headquarters in each state;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of districts in each state where the services have not been extended; and
- (d) the time by which the mobile services will be extended to all the districts of the country?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) launched its cellular mobile service in 2002 and is progressively covering all the District Headquarters (DHQs). BSNL has so far covered 591 District Headquarters and 2381 Tehsil Headquarters in the country.

The mobile service is not presently extended to nine DHQs-one DHQ in J&K, Assam, Meghalaya and Tripura, two DHQs in Nagaland and three DHQs in Arunachal Pradesh.

BSNL has plans to cover remaining District Headquarters during next financial year subject to security clearance from Ministry of Home Affairs for the DHQs falling in buffer zone of the international border.