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ASSESSMENT OF REQUIREMENT OF TELEPHONE EQUIPMENTS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has made any estimate regarding requirement of telephone equipments for providing landline telephone connections and mobile connections in the urban and rural areas of Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken to ensure availability of telephone equipments to exhaust the waiting list; and
- (d) the time by which the connection on demand is likely to be provided?

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) has planned to meet demand for landline connection in the States of Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra (except for Mumbai) from the existing capacity as well as deploying Wireless in Local Loop (WLL). Equipment requirement estimated by BSNL is as follows:

State/Telecom Circle	Estimated Equipment
WLL Equipment	Cellular Mobile Equipment
Uttar Pradesh	2,83,500 16,00,000
Madhya Pradesh	4,21,500 9,00,000
Maharashtra (except Mumbai)	5,09,000 18,00,000

Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) has planned to add one million capacity for providing total five lakh connections (landline & WLL + Cellular mobile) each in Delhi and Mumbai during the year 2006-07 to meet telephone requirements.

(c) & (d) BSNL is augmenting its mobile network so that mobile connections becomes available on demand by the end of current financial year. Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) equipment are also planned in sufficient number so that most of the waiting list as on 31.3.2006 is cleared within the current financial year. As regard MTNL, there is no waiting list for any type of telephone connection in MTNL Delhi and Mumbai.