

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

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SETTING UP OF MOBILE PHONE PRODUCTION FACTORY IN JOINT VENTURE .
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government proposes to set up mobile phone production factory in joint venture with private sector in Gandhi Nagar district of Gujarat;
- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) If not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) The number of mobile telephone towers sanctioned for Jamnagar and Porbandar districts in Gujarat during 2004-05 and 2005-06;
- (e) The number out of them installed in these districts, so far;
- (f) The time by which the remaining towers are likely to be installed; and
- (g) If not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) According to the extant policies, no industrial licence is required for setting up a telecom manufacturing unit. 100% Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) is also permitted for setting up telecom equipment manufacturing units

(including mobile phone) anywhere in India. Government of India does not provide any equity participation for these initiatives.

(d) & (e) Government does not sanction any mobile telephone towers and operators install the towers based on their business plan. Only licences are issued by the Government to operators for providing mobile telephone services. Government does not maintain data of towers installed by private operators. However, the information in respect of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) is given below:-

District Jamnagar District Porbandar

Year	Planned	Installed	Balance	Planned	Installed	Balance
2004-05	16	16	0	1	1	0
2005-06	60	1	59	19	0	19

(f) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) will install the balance towers by the end of 2006-07.

(g) Dose not arise in view of (f) above.