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

- (a) whether the Government has chalked out any plan to provide facilities to people in inaccessible backward and remote rural hilly areas through satellite;
- (b) if so, the action being taken by the Government to provide mobile phone facility in inaccessible, backward and remote rural hilly areas of Uttaranchal district-wise;
- (c) the places where mobile phone Towers have been sanctioned; and
- (d) the time by which mobile phone facility is likely to be made available to these people?

Answer

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

(a) Rural Network (RN) Cell of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited has planned to provide telephone facilities in inaccessible, backward and remote rural areas through Satellite as per details given in the Annexure-I

(b) to (d) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) having extended its mobile services upto District Headquarters has planed to extend the same up to Tehsil HQ during the current financial year. Although remote areas are not specifically covered, extensive highway plans of BSNL has provided incidental coverage to remote areas falling along the highways. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited is in the process of providing coverage in towns as per detail given in Annexure- II during the current financial year.

ANNEXURE-I

TARGET FOR PROVISION OF SATELLITE BASED VPTs

Sl.No. Name of the Circle No. of villages
to be covered on satellite

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| 1. | Assam | 285 |
| 2. | Jharkhand | 1686 |
| 3. | Himachal Pradesh | 277 |
| 4. | Jammu & Kashmir | 644 |
| 5. | Chhattisgarh | 92 |
| 6. | North-East-I | 1487 |
| 7. | North-East-II | 3769 |
| 8. | Orissa | 4899 |
| 9. | Uttaranchal | 3548 |
| 10. | West Bengal | 53 |

Total

16740

ANNEXURE-II

DETAILS OF COVERAGE FOR THE MOBILE PHONE FACILITY BY BSNL IN THE TOWNS DURING THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR

Sl.No.	Name of the town/city proposed to be covered	District
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1. Bhimtal Nainital

2. Jaspur, Gadarpur Udham Singh Nagar

3. Bhagarathipuram Tehri

4. Purola, Barkot, Uttarkashi
Brahmkhal, Radi,
Ranachatti &
Janakichatti

5. Tilwar, Rudraprayag
Augustmunni,
Guptkashi,
Gaurikund