

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PRE- PAID MOBILE CONNECTIONS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the number of prepaid mobile subscribers of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. (BSNL)/Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd. (MTNL) has increased substantially in the country, specially in Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the number of such mobile connection subscribers State-wise, circle-wise;
- (c) whether connections have been provided to all the people applied for such connection; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Information about number of pre-paid Mobile connections of BSNL/MTNL as on 31-03-2006 and 31-01-2007 are given in the Annexure.

(c) & (d) Yes, Sir. MTNL is providing mobile connections on demand. In BSNL, mobile connections are being provided on demand in all Circles except in North East-I, North East-II, Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra circles where due to capacity constraint, there is waiting list. BSNL is augmenting its network to clear the waiting list.