

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3621  
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MOBILE SERVICE IN MAHARASHTRA  
Gudhe Shri Anantrao;Narhire Smt. Kalpana Ramesh

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

- (a) whether the mobile services of Bhara Sanchar Nigam Limited have not been introduced in several districts of Vidarbha zone in Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the names of the areas in the said zone where these services have been allowed;
- (d) the time by which this mobile service is likely to be commenced and the permission is likely to be granted to commence this service in those States wherein it is not available at present; and
- (e) the reasons for delay in granting permission in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) Sir, after covering the district Headquarters as part of the roll out in the initial phase, BSNL has extended the policy to provide coverage upto sub-divisional headquarters in the next phase. It is now in the process of covering villages having population in excess of 5000 and proposes to extend coverage of village with population upto 1000 in the districts across the country including the Vidarbha zone in Maharashtra.

(d) & (e) Do not arise in view of (a) to (c) above.