

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:379  
ANSWERED ON:20.04.2005  
MOBILE PHONE SERVICES OF BSNL  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the BSNL is facing difficulties in providing mobile-phone services to the new subscribers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the imports made by the BSNL to provide mobile services in the country during the last three years alongwith the country-wise names of such companies from where the imports were made;
- (d) whether all imported equipments are being used; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 379 FOR 20TH APRIL, 2005 REGARDING MOBILE PHONE SERVICES OF BSNL.

(a) & (b) As on 31.3.2005, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has provided 94.47 lakh Cellular connections against network capacity of 94.92 lakh lines. Due to capacity constraints and to provide congestion free service to the existing customers, release of pre-paid new connection further has been controlled temporarily in some parts of the country.

(c) to (e) Though BSNL had invited bids and placed orders on the Indian Registered Companies for supply of mobile equipments, yet the companies had indicated that around 70% of the equipment needs to be sourced through imports. The imported equipments are with reference to mobile switches, Base Station Transmitters and controllers, Antenna Subsystems, Intelligent Network Systems, Packet handlers and systems etc. All the equipment have been put to use except those which are presently under installation as received from M/s Nokia and M/s Nortel. The names of the companies on which the orders were placed by BSNL and the country from where they have sourced their supplies and inducted into the network during last three years is given below:-

Sl. No. Name of Company Year of Procurement Country from where sourced

1	M/s ITI, Bangalore	2002 & 2004	USA, France
2	M/s Ericsson India Ltd.	2002-03-04	Sweden
3	M/s Motorola India Ltd.	2002-03-04	China, USA
4	M/s Nokia India Ltd.	2004-05	China, Finland
5	M/s Nortel Networks India Ltd.	2004-05	China, US, France

(f) Does not arise in view of (c) to (e) above.