

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PROVISION OF MOBILE SERVICES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to connect all backward block headquarters of the country with mobile services;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the number of such blocks of the country particularly in Maharashtra wherein mobile services are available and the number of blocks which are yet to be linked with mobile services, State-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) to (c) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has covered 6408 BHQs out of 6506 BHQs and State/Circle-wise details of BHQs covered by mobile services as on 31.05.2014 are given in Annexure. All the Block Headquarters (BHQs) in Maharashtra are connected with mobile services. Remaining BHQs will be covered progressively based on techno commercial viability/technical feasibility by BSNL.