

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3129  
ANSWERED ON:19.03.2001  
CELLULAR TELEPHONE  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) have fixed any target for providing cellular connections during the year 2001-2002;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, state-wise; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) is initially providing cellular service in the form of pilot project. The details of the cities being covered under pilot project are enclosed at Annexure-I. The cellular service at Patna & Hazipur has already commenced. The cellular service in other cities as part of pilot project is likely to commence during March/April, 2001. Also about 15 lakh cellular telephone lines have been planned to be provided throughout the country during 2001-2002. The state-wise details are given in Annexure-II.

(c) Not applicable in view of (b) above.

Annexure-I

List of cities covered under IMPCS Pilot Project

CIRCLE CITY No.of Lines

Phase-I Phase-II

Andhra Pradesh Hyderabad 4000

Vijayawada 1000  
Tirupati 1000  
Guntur 1000  
Vishakapatnam 1000  
Amlapuram 1000  
Kakinada 1000  
Rajmundry 1000  
Warrangal 1000

Bihar Patna 4000

Biharsharif 1000  
Hazipur 1000  
Badh 1000  
Arah 1000  
Rajgir 1000  
Sasaram 1000  
Bhabua 1000

Tamil Nadu/Chennai Telephones

Chennai 4000

Madurai 1000  
Coimbatore 1000  
Mahabalipuram 1000  
M.M.Nagar 1000  
Minjur 1000

West Bengal/Calcutta Telephones

Calcutta 5000  
Halidia 1000

Jharkand Ranchi 4000  
Jamshedpur 1000

Total 31000 12000

ANNEXURE-II

S.no State No.of cities No.of Lines proposed during 2001-02

1	A&N	1	1500
2	AP	85	160000
3	AS	23	11000
4	BH	30	33000
5	CHG	15	9000
6	GJ	74	175000
7	HR	40	43000
8	HP	20	12000
9	J&K	14	12000
10	JKD	17	23000
11	KTK	26	115000
12	KRL	100	125000
13	MP	54	34500
14	MH	124	190000
15	NE	49	3000
16	OR	38	37000
17	PB	62	110000
18	RJ	40	50000
19	TN	68	130000
20	UCL	13	23000
21	UP	91	151000
22	WB	35	40500

Total 1021 1488500