

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

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CELLULAR SERVICE
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to introduce the Global system for Mobile Communications based cellular service in Koraput, Bolangir and Kalahandi regions of Orissa;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): GSM Mobile service is to be started at the district headquarters in the first phase. The following district Headquarters in the region are proposed to be covered:-

Bhawanipatna (Kalahandi District)	-1000 lines
Bolangir	-1000 lines
Koraput	-1000 lines

Following additional towns in the region shall be covered in the 2nd phase:-

Nowrangpur, Jaypure, Boriguma, Kotpad of undivided Koraput District, Junagarh and Kesinga of Kalahandi District.