

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3216
ANSWERED ON:13.08.2001
MOBILE TELEPHONE SERVICE BY BSNL
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to start mobile telephone service through the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) in the country particularly in Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the time by which this scheme is likely to be started; and
- (d) the estimated costs to be incurred thereon?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) As per Annexure-I
- (c) Network rollout is expected from Decmeber-2001 onwards.
- (d) Estimated expenditure on the project is about Rs. 2500 crores in phases.

Annexure

Details of State wise planned coverage

Sl. No. STATE No. of Cities

1	Andaman & Nicobar	1
2	Andhra Pradesh	85
3	Assam	23
4	Bihar	32
5	Chattisgarh	15
6	Gujarat	74
7	Haryana	40
8	Himachal Pradesh	20
9	Jharkhand	17
10	J&K	14
11	Karnataka	26
12	Kerala	100
13	Madhya Pradesh	54
14	Mahrashtra	124
15	North East	49
16	Orissa	38
17	Pubjab	62
18	Rajasthan	40
19	TamilNadu	68
20	Uttaranchal	13
21	Uttar Pradesh	91
22	West Bengal	35

++ Plans for Assam, J&K, North east are subject to Govt. Clearance for launching of service.