

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2622
ANSWERED ON:05.12.2001
TATA CELLULAR LIMITED
IQBAL AHMED SARADGI

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Tata Cellular Limited has launched its third corridor in Andhra Pradesh the Krishna corridor connecting Vijayawada and Tirupati;
- (b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the 384 -kilometers long Krishna corridor will also connect TCI's other two corridors, Costa and Deccan corridors;
- (c) if so, the total investment to be made on this;
- (d) whether the cellular telephones are likely to be made available in Andhra Pradesh during the current year; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) to (c): As per the information provided by M/s. Tata Cellular Limited, the Krishna Corridor connecting Vijayawada and Tirupati is operational and it also connects Costa and Deccan Corridors; the investment made on these corridors is approx. Rs. 20 crores.
- (d) & (e): Cellular Mobile Telephone Service (CMTS) in Andhra Pradesh is already operational by two private companies viz., M/s. Tata Cellular Limited and M/s. Bharti Mobile Limited (earlier name M/s. JT Mobile Limited) since 11.12.1996 and 20.12.1996 and as per the information provided by Cellular Operators Association of India the number of subscribers is 2,00,624 and 1,85,756 respectively as on 31.10.2001. Licences have also been given to M/s. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited and recently to M/s. Barakhamba Sales and Services Limited for providing CMTS in Andhra Pradesh; these two companies are expected to start their services in the next financial year.