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GSM MOBILE CHANNELS

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have proposed the additional Global Switch Module (GSM) mobile channels of high frequency band for various cities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names of cities where the proposed additional GSM mobile channels are functioning at present?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The Government initially assigned upto 44 GSM mobile channels (44 MHz + 4.4 MHz) per operator and subsequently, depending on the requirements, additional 18 GSM channels (1.8 MHz+1.8 MHz) have been assigned in many cities.

(c) The name of cities where the additional 18 GSM channels have been assigned and are functioning at present are: Chennai, Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai, Moradabad, Agra, Calicut, Trivandrum, Ernakulam, Patna, Ranchi, Indore, Jabalpur, Hyderabad, Bangalore, Ahmedabad and Coimbatore.