

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

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MOBILE SERVICE BY BSNL
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware that weak signals are being received in highway area in respect of (Cellone) the mobile service of BSNL introduced in Aurangabad;
- (b) if so, the steps taken to rectify it or install new towers for this purpose;
- (c) by when it is likely to be done;
- (d) whether there is any proposal to increase the quota for Aurangabad keeping in view the large number of people in waiting list for mobile phones of BSNL;
- (e) if so, the details thereof ; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(SHRIMATI S MAHAJAN)

- (a)to(c): Highways planned for coverage around Aurangabad have weak signals as some sites are yet to be commissioned. The work of installation of equipment is still under progress and it is expected that the services will be available in around two months time.
- (d)&(e): Yes, Sir. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. (BSNL) is expanding the capacity of the existing Cellular Mobile Network further by 5600 lines at Aurangabad for which purchase order have already been placed.
- (f) Does not arise view of (d) and (e) above.