

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1740
ANSWERED ON:06.03.2000
CELLULAR TELEPHONES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of cellular telephone subscribers in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the present pattern of charges for the said telephones;
- (c) the number of cities in the country where the cellular telephone facility has been provided, till date, State-wise;
- (d) the number of cities where the said facility is proposed to be provided during 2000-2001, State-wise;
- (e) whether the Government propose to provide said facility in Muzaffarpur, Darbhanga, Motihari, Saharasa, Purnea and Bettiah cities of Northern Bihar;
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the time by which this facility is likely to be provided in the cities not having this facility; and (g) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to make the cellular telephone available to common man in the rural and urban areas of the country particularly in Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and Bihar?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (COMMUNICATIONS) (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) to (g) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (g) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No 1740 FOR 6TH MARCH, 2000 REGARDING CELLULAR TELEPHONES.

(a) The number of cellular telephone subscribers in the country, licensed Service Area-wise is given in Annexure-I.

(b) The Cellular operators are presently offering standard tariff package with monthly rental of Rs.475/- and Air Time Charge of Rs. 4/- per minute in Metros, and Rs.500/- and Rs. 4.50 respectively in Circles.

(c) to (g) : Bids were invited for grant of licences to private companies for providing Cellular Mobile Telephone Service throughout the country. Except for two Telecom Circles (namely, Jammu & Kashmir, Andman & Nicobar) where there were no bids, licences have been granted to various private operators throughout the country, including Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and Bihar Telecom Circles. Licences have also been granted to Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) as well as field units of Department of Telecom Services (DTS) for providing Cellular Service in the country.

As per the License Agreement granted to the private cellular operators, atleast 10% of the District Headquarters will be covered in the first year and 50% of the District Headquarters will be covered within three years of effective date of License. The licensees have also been permitted to cover any other town in a District in lieu of the District Headquarters. The choice of District Headquarters/townsto be covered and further expansion beyond 50% District Headquarters/towns lies with the Licensee companies depending on their business decision. There is no requirement of mandatory coverage of rural areas as per the licences granted. A list of cities furnished by Cellular Operators Association of India, service areas-wise where the cellular service is operational by private companies, is given in Annexure-II.

DTS and MTNL shall also be providing Cellular Mobile Telephone Service in different parts of the country. DTS has proposed to provide Cellular Mobile Services initially in few cities of the country as a Pilot Project. The State-wise list of cities proposed under pilot project is given in Annexure-III. The proposed cellular service is expected to be introduced during the year 2000-2001. Based on the experience gained and successful implementation of Pilot Project, the case for introduction of Cellular Mobile Service in other parts of the country on a wider scale shall be considered.

ANNEXURE-I

NUMBER OF CELLULAR MOBILE TELEPHONE SERVICE SUBSCRIBERS IN THE COUNTRY, LICENSED SERVICE AREA - WISE:

(As furnished by COAI)

S.No. LICENSED SERVICE AREA NO OF SUBSCRIBERS (DEC.` 99)
(METRO CITY/TELECOM CIRCLES)

1. Delhi.	279552
2. Mumbai	298744
3. Calcutta	68030
4. Chennai	47004
5. Maharashtra	102367
6. Gujarat	107528
7 Andhra Pradesh	87949
8. Karnataka	104787
9. Tamil Nadu	71153
10. Kerala	80781
11. Punjab	79672
12. Haryana	20172
13. UP-West	48897
14. UP-East	99696
15. Rajasthan	15462
16. Madhya Pradesh	30167
17. West Bengal	4674
18. Himachal Pradesh	4761
19. Bihar	17419
20. Orissa	8403
21. Assam	5590
22. North East	803
All India Total :	1583611

Note: Telecom Circles are generally contiguous with State Boundaries with some exceptions.

ANNEXURE-II

CELLULAR COVEREGE IN CITIES/TOWNS OF INDIA (Position as of January, 2000)

(As supplied by Cellular Operators Association of India)

Sl.No. Telecom Circles/ Name of Operator Areas Covered Number of cities
Metro Cities covered by each
operator.

1 Andhra Pradesh	J. T. Mobile Ltd. Hyderabad, Vijaywada,	33
	Guntur,Vishakhapatnam, Nellore, Tirupathi, Vizag, Uppal,Kattedan, Hayatnagar,Pattancheru, Rangareddy, Krishna, Gannavaram, Kankipadu, Adavinekkala, Tenali, Budampadu, Vejendla, Ponnuru, Chebrolu, Dagadarthi, Kovur, Kodur,Mypadu,Mathukur, Buchireddy Palem, Chittoor, Chandragiri, Vadamalapeta, Gajula Mandyam, Gajuwaka, Agnampudi.	

Andhra Pradesh Tata Cellular Hyderabad,Vijaywada, 49

Communication Ltd Vishakhapatnam,
Rangareddy , Krishna,
West Godavari, East
Godavvari, Guntur,
Machilipatnam, Kakinada,
Eluru, Sangareddy,
Lingampally, Kukatpally,
Uppal, Vanasthalipuram,
Shaumabad, Medchal,
Jeedimefla, Kapra,
Hayatnagar, Ganapavaram,
Hanuman Jn., Tolaprolu,
Ibrahimpatnam, Mangalageri,
Anakapalle, Gajuvaka,
Zellamanchili, Payakaraopeta,
Rajahmundry, Rajanagaram,
Ravulapalem, Tuni,
Prathipadu, Bhimadole,
Bhebrole, Tadepalligudum,
Tanuku, Kovure, Vatluru,
Patancheru, Bolareum,
Aranavara, Nalgonda, Nellore,
Kakinada, Chittoor, Tirupathi.

2 Assam Reliance Telecom Ltd. Guwahati 1

3 Bihar Reliance Telecom Ltd. Patna, Ranchi, Jamshedpur, 6
Dhanbad, Jharia, Hajipur

4 Calcutta Modi Telstra Pvt.Ltd. Fully covered (Metro) 1
Usha Martin Telecom Ltd. - do - 1

5 Chennai RPG Cellular Ltd. Fully covered (Metro), 4
Maraimalai Nagar Export
Promotion Zone, Minzur,
Mahabalipuram

SkyCell Commn. Ltd. Fully covered (Metro) 1

6 Delhi Bharti Cellular Ltd. Fully covered (Metro), 5
Ghaziabad, Faridabad,
Noida and Gurgaon.

Sterling Cellular Ltd. Fully covered (Metro), 5

Ghaziabad, Faridabad,
Noida and Gurgaon.

7 Gujarat Birla AT&T Commn. Ltd. Ahmedabad, Gandhinagar, 71

Kheda, Vadodara, Bharuch,
Surat, Valsad, Rajkot,
Mehsana, Jamnagar, Bareja,
Por, Karjan, Kim, Udhna,
Pipodara, Gandevis, Chikli,
Pardi, Udawada, Dunga,
Nadiad, Anand, Ankleshwar,
Navsari, Silvassa, Vapi,
Adalaj, Kudasana, Koba,
Shertha, Sola, Gota,
Chiloda, Sarkhej, Khodiar,
Aslali, Jetalpur, Uttarsanda,
Boriavi, Matar, Vidhyanagar,
Vadatal, Karamsad, Bhayali,
Jaspur, Fertiliser Nagar,
Kashipura, Palej, Amod, Diva,
Jhaghdia, Kabirwad, Panoli,
Kosamba, Mangrol, Sayan,
Kamrej, Kator, Amroli, Utaran,
Dumas, Saonpalsana, Atul,
Dadra, Dabhel, Linch, Dhinoj,
Panchot, Kherva, Magroda.

Fascel India Ltd. Gandhinagar, Ahmedabad, Kheda, 32

Anand, Nadiad, Vadodara,
Bharuch, Surat, Sachin,
Navsari, Billimora, Pardi,
Valsad, Vapi, V.V.Nagar,
Chhatral, Mehsana, Kalol,
Rajkot, Bhavnagar, Sanand,

Padra, Vaghodiya, Borsad,
Ankleshwar, Kim, Palsana,
Gandevi, Chikhali, Daman,
Silvassa, Gandhidham.

8 Haryana Escotel Mobile Ambala, Sonapat, Panipat, 19
Communication Ltd. Karnal, Yamuna Nagar,
Kurukshetra, Shahbad, Kundli,
Rohtak, Hissar, Jagadhari,
Bhiwani, Kalka, Kaithal,
Rohtak, Rewari, Sirsa,
Yamunanagar, Bahadurgarh.

9 Himachal Pradesh Bharti Telenet Ltd. Shimla, Solan, Parwanoo, 19
Baddi, Barotiwala, Barog,
Dhalli, Sago, Thoeg, Bhuntar,
Naldhera, Kufri, Kasoli,
Chail, Kandaghat, Bhunter,
Kullu-Manali, Solang, Nala

Reliance Telecom Ltd. Shimla 1

10 Karnataka J T Mobiles Ltd. Bangalore, Mysore, Mangalore, 18
Attibele, Chandrapura,
Nelamangala, Nanjangudu,
Srirangapatna, Ullal,
Panamburu, Kankanadi,
Baikampady, Kolor, Kavur,
Kottar, Urva, Surathkal,
Dakshin Kannad.

Spice Commn. Ltd. Bangalore, Mangalore, 33

Mysore, Tumkur, Chitradurga,
Davangere, Dharwad, Belgaum,
Hubli, Hassan, Shimoga,
Chikmagalur, Gadag, Renebennur,
Sagar, Harihar, Udupi, Manipal,
Bhatkal, Tiptur, Bhadravathi,
Hoskote, Mandya, Bellary,
Gulbarga, Bidadi, Nelmangala,
Sakleshpur, Kundapur, Gonikoppal,
Nanjangud, Madikeri, Hospet.

11 Kerala BPL Cellular Limited Alleppey, Aroor, Calicut, 39

Chavakkad, Chertala,
Chengannur, Changannassery,
Cochin, Guruvayoor, Karunagapalli,
Kannur, Kodungalore, Kollam,
Kottayam, Kunnankulam,
Malappuram, Manjery,
Muvattupuzha, Palakkad, Palai,
Thalasserry, Thrissur, Thiruvalla,
Trivandrum, Varkala, Aluva,
Feroke, Mavelikara, Chalakudi,
Irinjalkuda, Perumbavoor,
Angamali, Kalamassery,
Tripunithura, Kozhikode,
Kondotti, Valapatnam,
Thodupuzha, Kanjikode.

Escotel Mobile Allapuzha, Aluva, Angamaly, 40

Commun. Ltd. Attingal, Chalakuddy,
Changanassery, Chengannur,
Chingavanam, Cherthala,
Chavakkad, Ernakulam,
Ettumanur, Feroke, Kalamassery,
Kottayam, Kollam, Kozhikode,
Kannur, Mallapuram, Manjeri,
Pallimukku, Shaktikulangara,
Trivendrum, Thrissur,
Thiruvalla, Tripunithura,
Thalassery, Tirur, Kottackal,
Perinthalmanna, Kunnankulam,
Kasarkode, Kanjanhad, Kanjikode,
Kodungallore, Kayamkulam,
Mavattupuzha, Perumbavoor,
Palakkad, Thodupuzha.

12 Madhya Pradesh Reliance Telecom Ltd. Indore, Dewas, Ujjain, 8
Ratlam, Bhopal, Mandideep,
Pithampur, Raipur
RPG Cellcom Ltd. Indore, Bhopal, Dewas, 11
Sehore, Ujjain, Mandideep,
Pithampur, Dhar, Betma,
Sagore, Raisen

13 Maharashtra Birla AT&T Commn.Ltd. Pune, Nashik, Ahemadnagar, 77
Panjim, Margao, Satara,
Kohlapur, Sangli, Aurangabad,
Alibaug, Jalna, Amaravathi,
Akola, Wardha, Jalgaon,
Bhiwandi, Ulhasnagar, Karad,
Ichalkaranji, Lonovola,
Pimpiri, Chinchwad, Mapusa,
Ponda, Chakan, Talegaon,
Pen, Khopoli, Khandala,
Sirur, Supe, Nevasa, Narsapur,
Shirval, Islampur, Jaisinghpur,
Rajgurunagar, Manchar, Sinner,
Shahapur, Ranjangaon,
Chikalthana, Tivim, Porvorim,
Betim, Raibandar, Old Goa,
Banastarim, Kundaim, Goa,
Velha, Agacaim, Cortalim,
Verna, Nuvem, Majorda, Navelim,
Varca, Cavelossim, Mobur, Betul,
Chapora Fort, Vagator Beach,
Anjuna Beach, Baga Beach, Calangute,
Candolim, Aguada Fort, Miramar Beach,
Cabo, Dona Paula, Mormugao, Vasco,
Dabolim, Bogmalo Beach, Colva,
Benaulim.

BPL Cellular Limited Pune, Nagpur, Nasik, Kohlapur, 23
Goa, Satara, Aurangabad,
Ichalkaranji, Sangli, Miraj,
Jalgaon, Malegaon, Dhule, Jalna,
Bhusawal, Ahmednagar, Amravati,
Akola, Karad, Alibag, Panjim,
Madgaon, Lonavala,

14 Mumbai BPL Mobile Commn.Ltd. Fully covered (Metro), 3
Navi Mumbai, Kalyan
Hutchison Max Fully covered (Metro) 1
Telecom Ltd.

15 North East Hexacom India Ltd. None nil

Reliance Telecom Ltd. Shillong 1

16 Orissa Reliance Telecom Ltd. Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Puri 3

17 Punjab Spice Commun. Ltd Chandigarh, Jalandhar, 51
Ludhiana, Amritsar, Bhatinda,
Patiala, Khanna, Hoshiarpur,
Jagraon, Moga, Sangrur,
Faridkot, Kapurthala, Nawanshahar,
Muktsar, Mohali, Panchkula,
Mandi Gobindgarh, Rajpura,
Goraya, Phagawara, Beas, Batala,
Kotkapura, Nabha, Barnala,
Rampura Phul, Malout, Abohar,
Dhuri, Malerkatla, Banga,
Mahalpur, Derabassi, Zirakpur,
Dhanaula, Phillaula, Kharar,
Kartarpur, Bahadurgarh, Shambu,
Banur, Raya, Dhilwan, Sahnewal,
Sailkhurd, Abul Kharana,
Goniana Mandi, Verka, Rupnagar,

Pathankot.

- 18 Rajasthan Hexacom India Ltd. Jaipur, Jodhpur, Ajmer, 9
Udaipur, Kota, Beawar,
Kishengarh, Makran, Bhilwara
- 19 Tamil Nadu BPL Cellular Limited Bhawani, Coimbatore, Cuddalore, 30
Erode, Gobichettipalayam,
Karur, Kanchipuram, Madurai,
Mettupalayam, Namakkal, Ooty,
Pondicherry, Pollachi,
Rajapalayam, Salem, Sivakasi,
Tirupur, Tiruchirapally,
Tirunelveli, Thanjavur,
Udamalpetai, Vellore, Villipuram,
Virudhunagar, Avinasi, Coonoor,
Tribhuvanai, Udumalpet, Ranipet,
Arasur,
- AIRCEL Limited Coimbatore, Thudiyalur, 32
Tiruppur, Perianaikenpalayam,
Karamadai, Mettupalayam, Ooty,
Annur, Avinashi, Sulur, Palladam,
Pollachi, Udumalpet, Coonoor,
Kotagiri, Salem, Pallipalayam,
Erode, Bhavani, Komarapalayam,
Sankagiri, Perundurai, Namakkal,
Thiruchengodu, Madurai, Palani,
Trichy, Srirangam, Manachanallur,
Thiruverambur, Thanjavur,
Kulithalai.
- 20 Uttar Pradesh (E) Aircel Digilink Ltd Lucknow, Kanpur, Allahabad, 5
Varanasi & Badohi
- Koshika Telecom Ltd. Lucknow, Kanpur, Varanasi, 17
Allahabad, Bhadohi, Unnao,
Sultanpur, Pratapgarh,
Nawabganj, Mirzapur,
Shuklaganj, Faizabad,
Mughul Sarai, Jaunpur,
Barabanki, Jagadishpur,
Gorakhpur.
- 21 Uttar Pradesh (W) Escotel Mobile Meerut, Agra, Aligarh, 37
Comms. Ltd. Moradabad, Rampur, Bareilly,
Bulandsahar, Dehradun,
Mathura, Ferozabad, Hapur,
Saharanpur, Muzaffarnagar,
Haldwani, Rudrapur, Bilaspur,
Bazpur, Kashipur, Haridwar,
Roorkee, Khatauli, Mussourie,
Bijnor, Chandausi, Hatras,
Khurja, Kitcha, Modinagar,
Pilibhit, Rishikesh, Sambhal,
Shamli, Vrindavan, Siliguri,
Darjeeling, Durgapur, Asansol,
Raniganj.
- 22 West Bengal Reliance Telecom Ltd. Siliguri, Darjeeling, 5
Durgapur, Asansol, Raniganj

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