

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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MOBILE TELEPHONE SERVICE OF BSNL
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the particular of district centres and towns in Bihar where the mobile telephone services of the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited have been started alongwith the capacity of the mobile phone services and number of users, category-wise as on date; and

(b) the names of the towns where the above mobile phone service is slated to be started during 2003-04?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(SHRI . PRADHAN)

(a) As on 17-07-2003 Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has provided 81842 cellular mobile connections (post paid12307, pre paid : 69535); in the state of Bihar against the installed radio capacity of 98700 lines. Services have been started in 40 towns which include 37 district centres of the state. The details are given in the annexure.

(b) The towns planned to be covered during 2003-2004 in the state are: Dumraon; Brahampur; Bihia; Piro; Bikramganj;Kochas; Nokha; Dinara; Bikram; Mokamah; Masaurhi; Punpun; Harnaut; Hilsa, Bihita, Buxar and Dalmianagar.

ANNEXURE

Details of the Districts/Towns covered in the Bihar State (Places underlined are District Centres)

Sl.No. Districts/Towns covered

1.	Araria
2.	Arwal
3.	Aurangabad
4.	Banka
5.	Begusarai
6.	Bettiah
7.	Bhagalpur
8.	Chapra
9.	Darbhanga
10.	Gaya
11.	Gopalganj
12.	Jamui
13.	Jehanabad
14.	Kahalgaoon
15.	Katihar
16.	Khagaria
17.	Kishanganj
18.	Lakhisarai
19.	Madhepura
20.	Madhubani
21.	Motihari
22.	Munger
23.	Muzaffarpur

24. Nawadah
25. Purnea
26. Saharsa
27. Samastipur
28. Sheikhpura
29. Sheohar
30. Sitamarhi
31. Siwan
32. Supaul
33. Patna
34. Bihar Sharif
35. Barh
36. Rajgir
37. Hajipur
38. Arrah
39. Sasaram
40. Bhabhua