

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

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BASIC TELEPHONE SERVICE  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) the facilities being provided by the Government so as to enable basic telephone service to compete with the private companies;
- (b) whether the Government propose to install some more towers to improve the mobile service of BSNL;
- (c) if so, the names of the places in Aurangabad in Maharashtra where such towers are proposed to be installed; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government in this regards?

**Answer**

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

- (a) In October, 2000, when BSNL was corporatised, certain package of measures were extended to BSNL so that viability of BSNL is not impaired on account of services provided by BSNL, which are uneconomic but socially desirable at the behest of the Government.
- (b) Yes, Sir. BSNL has plans to expand its cellular mobile service to enhance the capacities in the towns reaching saturation.
- (c)&(d) Presently, additional tower at Shivaji Nagar is under installation and three more towers are planned as part of expansion.