

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2996  
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MOBILE PHONE SERVICES IN KARNATAKA  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of mobile connections provided by BSNL in Karnataka so far;
- (b) whether there is a demand for the sanction of additional 4.5 lakh mobile connections for Karnataka during 2003-04; and
- (c) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) 2,72,445 Cellular Mobile Connections have been provided by BSNL in Karnataka as on 31.7.2003.

(b)&(c): Based on the demand and funds available, the Karnataka Circle has been allotted 2.75 Lakhs capacity for the current financial year and the procurement action is in progress.