

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
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INTRODUCTION OF BROADBAND SERVICES  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether it is true that the BSNL is introducing broadband services on commercial lines;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the target set by BSNL to provide cellphone and internet connections separately, during the 2003-04; and
- (d) the present status thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) is already providing High Speed Internet Access to its Basic phone Subscribers through Direct Internet Access System (DIAS). Further, a franchisee agreement has been signed by BSNL to provide Broad band Services like High Speed Internet Access, Video-On-Demand, Video-broadcast etc. in cities of Kolkata, Pune, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Chennai, Ahmedabad and Chandigarh.

(c) & (d) The target set by BSNL to provide cellphone and Internet connections during 2003-04 is 3 million and 8 lacs respectively. Out of these set targets 9,36,514 cellular connections and 1.5 lacs Internet connections have been provided upto 30.06.2003.