

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

- (a) the number of BSNL Mobile connections in Uttar Pradesh as on date;
- (b) whether BSNL service has been introduced in all districts, Tehsils and Block Headquarters of Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu;
- (c) if so, the details of the schemes formulated for the expansion of mobile service in these States;
- (d) whether the BSNL connections are available on demand in Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu; and
- (e) if not, the time by which BSNL Mobile connections are likely to be made available on demand?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

- (a) As on 31.03.2005, 11.32 Lakh subscribers have been provided Mobile connections in the state of Uttar Pradesh.
- (b) No, Sir.
- (c) Having covered all the district headquarters, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) is in the process of extending the coverage upto Tehsil Headquarter level based on business and commercial viability in these States.
- (d) Post-paid mobile connections are available on demand in Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu and release of pre-paid connections is temporarily controlled due to capacity constraints.
- (e) BSNL is presently augmenting the present network by an additional capacity of 14.2 lakh lines in Uttar Pradesh and by 13.8 lakh lines in Tamil Nadu. It is expected that pre-paid mobile connections are likely to be available on demand from July 2005 onwards progressively.