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MOBILE SERVICE IN JHARKHAND
Murmu Shri Hemlal

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of districts and blocks particularly in Jharkhand connected with BSNL mobile service and the number of districts and blocks deprived of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.' mobile service;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to expand mobile service in Jharkhand in the current financial year;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) The number of districts/blocks covered/uncovered with BSNL mobile service in Jharkhand are given as under:-

Total Nos. Covered with Mobile Service Un-Covered with Mobile Service

Districts	22	22	Nil
Blocks	211	92	119

(b) to (d) Yes, Sir. BSNL has already expanded the capacity in the state by additional 45,700 lines during this financial year and has planned further expansion by 2,50,000 lines in the year 2005.