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LOK SABHA**

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OPTICAL FIBRE CABLES IN UTTAR PRADESH
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to connect all the sub-centres of telecommunication department in Uttar Pradesh with Optical Fibre Cable;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the construction work of tower being installed to provide cellone mobile phone service in the rural areas of Bhundel Khand has been completed;
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the time by which the Government propose to complete the construction work of tower?

Answer

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

- (a) All the sub centers (Short Distance Charging Centres) of BSNL in UP Circle are already connected on Optical Fibre Cable.
- (b)&(c): Do not arise in view of (a) above.
- (d) to (f): The tower erection work for providing cellular mobile service on Highway Allahabad - Banda route is in progress which will provide incidental coverage to some of the rural areas of the Bhundelkhand area along the highway. The tower erection work at all sites on Allahabad - Banda Highway is likely to be completed during the current year except at Khuraband (Banda) and Matondh (Manda) where the work will be initiated on availability of land.