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MOBILE PHONE SERVICE IN MAHARASHTRA
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the BSNL mobile service has not been introduced so far in several districts of Nagpur zone of Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the facts thereof;
- (c) the places of the said zone in respect of which the approval to introduce the above service has been given;
- (d) the time by which this mobile service is likely to be started;
- (e) the time by which the approval to introduce mobile services is likely to be accorded to the remaining cities/town in regard to which the above approval has not yet been given; and
- (f) the reasons for delay in according the approval?

Answer

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

(a)& (b): In accordance with the plans of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.(BSNL), Cellular Service has been provided at all District Head Quarters of Nagpur Zone. List of these DHQs & some of the other towns where BSNL has provided cellular service is given in Annexure `A`.

(c) to (f): BSNL has planned to expand its cellular network to cover towns upto Tehsil Head Quarters (THQ) with Cellular Service in current year programme. The name of such cities of Nagpur zone which are likely to be provided Cellular Service during current financial year, subject to availability of equipment is given in Annexure `B`. The remaining cities below Tehsil HQs will be considered in the future expansion programme, depending upon their business and commercial viability.

ANNEXURE -A

LIST OF TOWNS OF NAGPUR ZONE WHERE BSNL HAS PROVIDED CELLULAR SERVICE

Distt. H.Q.	Other towns covered
Nagpur	Butibori, Umred, Kalmeshwar, Katol, Ramtek, Kondhali, Bazargaon, Kanhan, Mouda, Deolapar
Bhandara	Tumsar, Sakoli
Gondia	Deoli
Gadchirolli	Desaiganj
Chandrapur	Ballarpur, Mul, Khambada, Chichpalli, Bharawati
Amrawati	Achalpur, Warud, Tiwasa, Badnera
Akola	Murtizapur, Balapur, Borgaon manju
Washim	
Baldhana	Khamgaon, Malkapur, Nandura
Yeotmal	Pusad, Wani, Arni, Mahegaon, Digrus, Kalamb, Padarkawada, Darwa, Umerkhed, Ghatanji
Nanded	Degloor, Ardhapur, Sonhked
Parbhani	Sellu, Jintoor, Gangahked, Basmat,
Hingoli	Aunda, Waranga
Wardha	Hingaghat, Arvi, Samudrapur, Wadner, Karanja

ANNEXURE - B

LIST OF TOWNS OF NAGPUR ZONE WHERE BSNL HAS PLANNED CELLULAR SERVICE DURING CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR

Distt. H.Q.	Towns planned in 2004-05
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Nagpur	Saoner, Narkhed, Kapsee, Khaparkheda, Hingna City, Bhivapur, Parseoni, Kuhi, Kampte, Khapri, Ramtek
Bhandara	Pauni, Mohada, Lakhandur, Bhandara MIDC, Jawahar nagar
Gondia	Aamgaon, Tiroda, Goregaon, Arjuni Moregaon, Sadak Arjuni, Gondia MIDC, Salekasa
Gadchiroli	Chamorshi, Armori, Aheri, Sironcha, Patargudem, Dhanora, Kurkheda, Itapalli, Mulchera, Bhamragadh, Korchu
Chandrapur	Gadchandur, Rajura, Warora, Cement Nagar, Brahmapur, Chimpur, Nagbhid, Sindewahi, Godpipri, Korpana, Maujre, Sawli, Pombhurna, Jeewti
Amrawati	Dariyapur, Dhamangaon Rly, Nandgaonpur, Chandur Rly, Chikaldhara, Dharni, Batkuli, Morshi, Anjangaon surji, Chandur bazar
Akola	Akot, Patur, Telhara, Barsitakli
Washim	Karanja, Risod, Malegaon, Manora Manglurpir
Baldhana	Chikhli, Lajgaon Jamod, Mehkar, Deulgaon raja, Lonar, Motala, Sangrampur, Sindkhed raja
Yeotmal	Ner, Babulgaon, Ralegaon, Maregaon, Bholar, Zarizamni
Nanded	Hadgaon, Mukhed, Dharmabad, Naigaon, Billoli, Mahur, Bhokar, Loha, Kinwat, Mufkhed, Himayatnagar, Umri, Delhitanda, Kandhar
Parbhani	Manwat, purna, Kalamnuri, Shengaon
Hingoli	Palam, Patri, Sonpeth
Wardha	Wardha MIDC, Pulgaon, Seloo, Talegaon, Ashti