

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

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BSNL FACILITY IN SATNA
Singh Shri Ganesh

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

- (a) whether the BSNL facility is available in Satna district of Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) the number of SIM cards provided in Satna district;
- (c) the norms prescribed for providing the BSNL SIM cards;
- (d) whether the Government is contemplating to provide more SIM cards in Satna district;
- (e) whether the Government is contemplating to enhance WLL facility in rural areas of Satna district; and
- (f) if so, by when?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) As on 31.07.2004, 1706 cellular connections were working in Satna Town.
- (c) SIM Cards provisioning is limited by the available capacity. The cards are provided on proof of Identity and address verification of the subscriber on first come first served basis.
- (d) Yes, Sir.
- (e) & (f) Yes, Sir. BSNL has planned Tarang/WLL service at Amarpatan, Maihar, Nagod and Maghgawan and the same is expected during the current financial year subject to availability of equipment.