

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

- (a) the number of mobile telephones released by the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) during the current year so far, State-wise;
- (b) the target fixed by BSNL for providing mobile phone connections during the year 2005-2006, State-wise;
- (c) the number of complaints received from the subscribers for defective service, State-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to improve the mobile service in the country?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) The number of mobile telephone connections released by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd (BSNL) during the current financial year till 31.10.2005 is around 3 million. The State-wise details of the mobile connection released and target fixed for providing mobile phone connections during the year 2005-2006 are given in Annexure.

(c) The State-wise detail of number of complaints received by BSNL in regard to defective mobile service during the current financial year up to 31.10.2005 is given in Annexure.

(d) BSNL has planned expansion for its mobile service network by 15 million lines in the country during 2005-2006. With this expansion the coverage as well quality of mobile service of BSNL will considerably improved.

ANNEXURE

STATE-WISE CELLULAR TARGETS FOR 05-06, CELLULAR CONNECTIONS PROVIDED AND COMPLAINTS RECEIVED DURING 2005-2006 (UPTO 31-10-05) DURING 2005-2006 (Up to 31-10-05)

Sl No	Name of the State	Target for 2005-06	Approximate Number of connections provided during current financial year	Approximate Number of complaints received (1-4-05 to 31-10-05)
EAST ZONE				
1	Andaman & Nicobar	6000	7037	0
2	Assam	130000	60898	674
3	Bihar	380000	63699	4174
4	Jharkhand		150000	47597
5	North East I (Meghalaya, Mizoram, Tripura)	45000		10736
6	North East II (Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur)	45000	42059	2197
7	Orissa	224000	75064	381
8	West Bengal (Incl. Sikkim)		420000	183474
	TOTAL	1400000	490664	24717

SOUTH ZONE				
1	Andhra Pradesh	450000	39733	153
2	Karnataka	500000	169557	19
3	Kerala		450000	56598
4	Tamil Nadu		600000	193731

TOTAL	2000000	459619	60385
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NORTH ZONE

1	Haryana	170000	164286	8736	
2	Himachal Pradesh		80000	79165	0
3	Jammu & Kashmir		120000	186504	0
4	Punjab		220000	24728	0
5	Rajasthan		410000	336576	1318
6	Uttar Pradesh		820000	790240	19931
7	Uttaranchal		80000	99799	3199
TOTAL		1900000		1681297	33184

WEST ZONE

1	Maharashtra (Incl. Goa)	500000		203327	54219
2	Gujarat	400000		154301	16000
3	Madhya Pradesh	200000		46814	9426
4	Chhattisgarh	100000		29694	4331
TOTAL		1200000		434136	83976

GRAND TOTAL	6500000	3065616	202262
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