

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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BTS IN MAHARASHTRA
Patil Shri Digamber Bapuji

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

(a) whether BTS basic telephone system equipment would be installed in the rural/naxalite affected/advansi hilly region of Maharashtra having population between 5000 and 10,000; and

(b) if so, the details alongwith the target fixed for the same?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Sir. Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) Base Trans-receiver Stations (BTS) are proposed to be installed to provide telephone connections primarily in rural areas.

(b) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) already has 341 BTSs with a capacity of 2,89,000 in Maharashtra and 181 BTSs with a capacity of 1,35,750 are planned for which purchase order has been placed and equipment is likely to be installed by 2006.