

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government has provided the mobile services in all the districts at tehsil level in the State of Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard, particularly in the naxalite affected areas of Vidarbha?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) Yes, Sir. BSNL and MTNL have provided the cellular mobile services in all the 33 districts and all 350 Tehsil Head quarters including Mumbai in the State of Maharashtra.
- (c) Does not arise in view of (a) & (b) above.
- (d) BSNL is in the process of augmenting its cellular network by 13.5 lakh lines in the State of Maharashtra and Goa, which also includes naxalite affected districts viz. Nanded, Chandrapur, Gadchiroli and Bhandara of Vidarbha as well. The same is planned to be rolled out progressively during the current year.