

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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PERFORMANCE OF CELL ONE IN RURAL AREAS  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) Whether the performance of the Cell One is far from satisfactory;
- (b) If so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) The percentage of coverage by the Cell One in the rural areas of Andhra Pradesh at present; and
- (d) The measures taken by the Government to improve the connectivity and performance of Cell One?

**Answer**

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

- (a) No, Sir. The Global System for Mobile Communications (GSM) based cellular mobile service of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) is working satisfactorily and is in general meeting the Quality of Service (QoS) parameters prescribed by Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI).
- (b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.
- (c) Presently, 62% of the villages having population more than 2000 are having direct/incidental coverage of GSM based mobile services of BSNL in Andhra Pradesh.
- (d) The cellular mobile network of BSNL is being continuously augmented and optimized for its performance. The network is also continuously monitored by BSNL to ensure performance as per the QoS parameters prescribed by TRAI. BSNL has, inter-alia, planned to cover all the villages having population greater than 2000 progressively and accordingly action for procurement of equipment has been initiated.