

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

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SETTING UP OF BTS TOWERS  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up BTS Towers at Rural Telephone Exchanges alongwith the District Headquarters Telephone Exchange to make cellular phone services accessible even to the rural areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the cell phones provided in Sultanpur district of Uttar Pradesh have a very limited range of network;
- (d) if so, the time by which the BTS Towers are likely to be set up; and
- (e) if not, the reasons thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b) Having planned coverage up to District Head Quarters in the country, efforts are underway to extend the coverage up to Tehsil Head Quarters. Additionally, coverage of National Highways provides incidental coverage to the rural areas falling enroute on the highways.
- (c) to (e) Presently, the coverage in the towns of Sultanpur, Amethi, Jagdishpur Industrial Area (JIA), Gauriganj, Korwa and Kadipur is limited to the city limits only. It is planned to extend the coverage to Bhadar, Semeri, Jamon and Shukul Bazar during the current financial year.