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

- (a) whether the BSNL tower situated at various places in the country especially at Kerur in Badami TQ is functioning beyond its capacity;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to solve this problem;
- (d) whether the Government is planning to place additional towers in those areas;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (g) the time by which the work is likely to be completed?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) Global System for Mobile Communications (GSM) based cellsite of BSNL at Kerur in Badami Taluka is working within the capacity. At Kerur, working connections are around 266 against radio capacity of 500 lines. However, BSNL had 3, 10, 34, 328 GSM based BSNL subscribers in the country as against radio network capacity of 2, 97, 18, 822 lines as on 31.10.2007.
- (c) At Kerur, BSNL is also augmenting its GSM based cellular Mobile Network progressively for enhancing coverage, capacity and Quality of Service.
- (d) & (e) BSNL has target to augment its cellular mobile network by 88.5 lakh lines in the country including 5.39 lakh lines in Karnataka State during current financial year.
- (f) Does not arise in view of (d) and (e) above.
- (g) The targets stated in (d) and (e) above are likely to be completed by March, 2008.