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RURAL TELECOM SERVICE IN SINGHBHUM
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the rural telecommunication work in Western Singhbhum and Eastern Singhbhum is not being carried out satisfactorily;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to increase the number of mobile phones; and
- (d) the number of mobile phones increased during the last three years?

Answer

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

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.
- (c) To increase the number of mobile phones, following steps have been taken:-
 - (i) Universal Access Services License (UASL) guide lines have been issued,
 - (ii) License Fee has been reduced,
 - (iii) Spectrum Charges to be reckoned on revenue sharing basis.
- (d) The number of Cellular Mobile Subscribers (including CDMA) for the last three years are as given below:-

Total mobile connections as on 31.03.2002	64,31,520
Total mobile connections as on 31.03.2003	1,40,56,393
Total mobile connections as on 31.03.2004	3,33,11,561