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

- (a) the number of Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL)/ Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) mobile phone subscribers in the country as on date, Statewise;
- (b) the target for installation of mobile phone connections in the country has been set up during 2008-09;
- (c) whether BSNL has not been able to streamline the commercial and service aspects of its mobile services in the country; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) Sir, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited has 3,62,11,786 mobile phone users in its area of operation as on 31.3.08.

The number of mobile phone connections working in MTNL as on 31.03.08 is 32,41,851.

Circle-wise details is as per Annexure.

(b) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited has plans to add 1,26,00,000 connection of cellular mobile (GSM) in its area of operation during 2008-09.

MTNL plans to add a switching capacity of 10,00,000 and total net connections of 9,50,000 all types (PSTN, GSM & WLL) in 2008-09.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.