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NUMBER OF NON -FUNCTIONAL MOBILE TOWERS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the total number of mobile towers installed by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL)/Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) across the country especially in the rural areas but remained non-functional;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT)

- (a) Madam, mobile services provided through towers installed by BSNL and MTNL across the country including rural areas are working satisfactorily and are, in general meeting the Quality of Service (QoS) parameters prescribed by Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI). However, some of the mobile towers become non functional for some duration due to reasons like prolonged power failure, transmission media failure at times.
- (b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.
- (c) BSNL and MTNL is maintaining its network to ensure performance as per the QoS parameters prescribed by TRAI. Alternate arrangement of Power supply through Diesel Generator (DG) Sets have been made almost at all sites.