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WI-MAX BASED STATIONS BY BSNL
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has been implementing the deployment of about 7000 mobile Wi-Max based stations for delivering e-governance and commercial broad-band services in the country,
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the cost of project; and
- (c) the time by which it is likely to be completed?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Madam, BSNL has been implementing the following two projects of WiMAX Base Stations deployment for delivering e-governance and commercial broadband services in the rural areas of the country.

> WiMAX Rural Phase-I Project for deployment of 1000 base stations to cover 11666 CSC with estimated cost of Rs. 140.85 Crores.

> WiMAX Rural Phase-II Project with 6863 base station to cover 51939 CSCs with estimated cost of Rs. 1167 Crores.

(c): The target for completion of both the projects is March 2011.