

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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INCREASE LN CAPACITY OF MOBILE TOWER
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to increase the installed capacity of mobile towers within 100 Km. range of the Rajasthan border in the country,
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the mobile towers installed by private telecom companies are more than that of the Public Sector Telecom Company in the said areas of the country,
- (d) if so, the details thereof, and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to improve the telecom services being provided by Public Sector Telecom Company in the said area?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): Madam, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has about 321 number of working mobile base stations within 100 Km of International border in Rajasthan. BSNL has planned addition of about 169 mobile base stations in this area.
- (c) & (d): As on 31-03-2010, BSNL is having 4538 mobile towers in the Rajasthan Telecom Circle as compared to around 22000 mobile towers of private telecom companies.
- (e): The steps taken by the Government to improve the telecom services being provided by BSNL in the said area are given below:
 - i) BSNL plans to expand the Mobile service coverage to all the villages having population more than 1000 progressively in next three years.
 - ii) RF optimization is being done.
 - iii) Network performance parameters are being monitored on regular basis and corrective action is being taken.