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PROVISION OF MOBILE SERVICES

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

- (a) whether the Government has launched mobile services at Holy Amarnath cave recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the number of towers erected alongwith the names of places;
- (c) whether the security aspects have been considered before providing the said facilities;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the number of villages of Jammu and Kashmir provided/being provided with the mobile services?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SACHIN PILOT)

- (a) & (b) Yes, Madam. Eight numbers of BTSs (Base Transceiver Station) have installed on the Amarnath Yatra route namely (1) Baltaal-I (2) Baltaal – II (3) Domail (4) Barari (5) Panchatarini (6) Holy Cave (7) Sheshnag and (8) Chandhanwadi.
- (c) These BTSs have limited coverage area mainly for the Yatra route from Pahalgam side and from Baltaal side to Holy Cave and signal from these BTSs is not crossing International Border, hence security clearance were not required.
- (d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.
- (e) In Jammu and Kashmir, 4988 village are covered with mobile services.