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SETTING UP OF SIGNAL/MOBILE TOWERS

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

- (a) whether BSNL proposes to install more towers in Maharashtra to provide better telecom connectivity;
- (b) if so, the details of towers proposed to be installed, location-wise;
- (c) whether the Government of Maharashtra has requested the Union Government to set up more such towers in remote and maoist affected areas so as to improve the communication network of security forces;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) Yes, Madam. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) proposes to install an additional number of 281 towers in Maharashtra Telecom circle for providing better telecom connectivity. The Telecom district wise details are as follows:

S. No. Name of Telecom District No. of towers to be installed

1	Ahmednagar	2
2	Akola	10
3	Amravati	30
4	Aurangabad	16
5	Beed	5
6	Buldhana	21
7	Chandrapur	3
8	Dhule	4
9	Gadchiroli	28
10	Goa	2
11	Jalgaon	12
12	Jalna	18
13	Kalyan	8
14	Kolhapur	2
15	Latur	9
16	Nagpur	31
17	Nanded	3
18	Nasik	6
19	Osmanabad	3
20	Parbhani	21
21	Pune	6
22	Raigad	3
23	Ratnagiri	10
24	Satara	1
25	Solapur	4
26	Wardha	5
27	Yeotmal	18

(c) to (e) Although no specific request has been received from the Government of Maharashtra to set up more towers in Maoist affected districts of the State, it is the endeavor of BSNL to provide maximum coverage to all areas of Maharashtra including those affected by Maoist activities.