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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to augment the mobile network capacity of MTNL and BSNL;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of mobile towers installed by the MTNL and BSNL to augment its mobile network capacity in 2010-11 and likely to be installed in 2011-12, State-wise and circle-wise; and
- (d) the other measures taken by the Government to augment the mobile network and improve signal capacity of both the companies?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI MILIND DEORA)

(a) to (d) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) keep on augmenting their telecom network progressively so as to enhance coverage and capacity based on techno-commercial considerations.

BSNL has installed 20461 Base Transceiver Stations (BTSs) in its network during the year 2010-11 and MTNL has installed 336 BTSs in its network during the year 2010-11. Circle-wise details are given in the annexure.