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MOBILE CONNECTIVITY

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

- (a) whether a large number of villages and some urban areas in Rajasthan and Orissa are yet to be connected with mobile telephones;
- (b) if so, the details of such villages and urban areas;
- (c) the details of mobile towers and telephone exchanges working in both the States; circle-wise;
- (d) the details of mobile towers and telephone exchanges likely to be installed in these States; and
- (e) the action taken by the Government to provide telephone connectivity to the left out villages/areas in the States?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) All the Urban areas in Rajasthan and Orissa have been connected with mobile telephones. However, as on March 2011, 1133 villages in Rajasthan and 7573 villages in Orissa are yet to be connected with mobile telephones. The details of villages in Rajasthan and Orissa which are yet to be connected with mobile telephones are given in Annexure.

(c) 4378 and 2427 mobile towers { Base Transceiver Stations (BTS) } of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) are working in Rajasthan and Orissa, respectively. 2296 and 1173 telephone exchanges of BSNL are working in Rajasthan and Orissa, respectively.

(d) BSNL has planned to install 1012 and 700 mobile towers (BTS) in Rajasthan and Orissa, respectively. It has also planned to install 31 telephone exchanges in Rajasthan.

(e) BSNL intends to provide Global System for Mobile Communications (GSM) coverage in the left out villages having population more than 2000, in the next three years progressively, subject to techno-commercial viability.