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MOBILE TOWERS IN THE COUNTRY

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

- (a) the number of mobile towers functioning in the country as on date, company-wise and State-wise;
- (b) whether these towers are insufficient to cater to the increasing demand for mobile numbers;
- (c) if so, whether the Government proposes to install more mobile towers to improve the situation;
- (d) if so, the number of mobile towers under construction by various mobile operators including BSNL and MTNL, State-wise and company-wise;
- (e) whether some of the installed towers of BSNL and MTNL are non-functional due to lack of supply of equipments and other required materials; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government to make these towers functional and also against the officials responsible for the same?

**Answer**

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

(a) Madam, the number of Base Transmitting Stations (BTS) functioning through mobile towers in the country as on date, are 6,80,465. Company-wise and State-wise details are given in Annexure-I and II respectively.

(b)to (d) Mobile towers and BTSs are being installed by the telecom service providers as per availability of users, spectrum and Radio Frequency planning. This is an ongoing process. As on 30.09.2011, there are 6,80,465 functioning BTS catering to the mobile subscribers. Telecom Service Providers, including BSNL and MTNL, are augmenting their mobile network progressively so as to enhance coverage, capacity and to further improve the quality of service.

(e) & (f) There are no non-functional towers of BSNL and MTNL. Mobile towers are installed first, followed by installation and commissioning of equipments. Therefore, there may be a time gap between erection of tower and commissioning of the systems. However, there are no long pending complaints of non-functioning of mobile towers except day to day faults which are promptly cleared.