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MOBILE AND WLL COVERAGE BY BSNL

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

- (a) the number of mobile and Wireless on Local Loop (WLL) telephone connections and the areas covered by such telephone in the country, State and PSU Telecom Company-wise;
- (b) the percentage of mobile and WLL coverage in each State in comparison to national coverage;
- (c) whether the mobile services particularly of BSNL are not satisfactory in Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Gujarat and the mobile towers are inadequate in these States to provide network coverage;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (e) the details of expansion and development works of mobile service undertaken and proposes to be undertaken in these States, State-wise;
- (f) whether the working of BSNL officials has been reviewed in this regard; and
- (g) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. (SMT.) KILLI KRUPARANI)

- (a) & (b) The circle-wise details of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) with regard to number of mobile subscribers, number of Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) subscribers and area covered by mobile services and WLL services by BSNL alongwith its percentage are given in Annexures I and II respectively.
- (c) & (d) Some mobile telephone subscribers of BSNL including the ones in Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Gujarat face sometimes problems relating to Quality of Service (QoS) including network coverage. However, the mobile telecom services of BSNL are, in general, meeting the QoS parameters prescribed by Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI).
- (e) BSNL augments its telecom network including in Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Gujarat based on techno-commercial considerations. However, BSNL has planned expansion of 2.34 million lines in Uttar Pradesh, 1.2 million lines in Rajasthan and 0.18 million lines in Gujarat for Global System for Mobile communication (GSM) network.
- (f) & (g) Department of Telecommunications (DoT) and the senior management of BSNL regularly review the performance of BSNL.