

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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FACILITIES OF MOBILE PHONE SERVICES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government had announced that all the National Highways passing through the State of Tamil Nadu would be provided with the facilities of mobile phone services;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the time by which the remaining areas are likely to be provided the said facility?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

- (a) The Government has not announced that the National Highways passing through the State of Tamil Nadu would be provided with the facilities of mobile phone services.
- (b) & (c) Unified Access Service License (UASL) prescribes the roll-out obligations for coverage of 50% of District Headquarters of License Service Area (LSA) within 3 years of effective date of license and service providers are free to provide service in rest of service area as per their commercial decision.