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EXTENSION OF COMMUNICATION SERVICES  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has taken a note of the dismal state of communication services in Rajasthan;
- (b) if so, the efforts made by the Government to improve and accelerate the pace of communication services in the State during the last three years and the current year along with the outcome thereof;
- (c) whether there are still a number of villages in Churu Parliamentary Constituency where mobile services have not been provided;
- (d) if so, the time by which these services are likely to be made available in these villages; and
- (e) whether a large number of mobile towers set up in Churu Parliamentary Constituency are not functioning; and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) Government is conscious of the need for improvement in telecommunication services in Rajasthan. The mobile services in Rajasthan are provided by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) through 3852 [Second Generation (2G)] and 1177 [Third Generation (3G)] mobile towers. 39568 villages out of 39753 villages are covered by Village Public Telephone facility as on 31.05.2014.

The number of towers installed by BSNL in Rajasthan in the last three years and the current year are as below:

Year	Number to towers installed
2011-12	63
2012-13	27
2013-14	307
April-June-14	80

The installation of new towers has enabled BSNL to provide better telecom services to its subscribers, obtain new subscribers and to improve its Port in/Port out Ratio from 0.34 (2011) to 1.76 (June 2014). The Mobile Number Portability (MNP) performance of BSNL in Rajasthan Circle is as below:

Year	Port In	Port Out	Port in/Port out
2011	48179	141275	0.34
June 2014	19125	10816	1.76

As on 30.11.2013, 1029 numbers of Base Transceiver Stations (BTSs) were installed in Rajasthan under Shared Mobile Infrastructure Scheme of Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) of which 309 BTSs were installed by BSNL and the rest by other private service providers.

(c) & (d) 62 numbers of villages in Churu district are yet to be provided with mobile services. In its meeting held on 13.06.2014, the Telecom Commission accorded 'in principle' approval for a scheme for providing mobile services in uncovered villages with the financial support of USOF. Mobile connectivity to uncovered villages in the country, including Churu district is intended to be provided

under the USOF scheme in a phased manner in the next five years.

(e) 9 numbers of BSNL mobile towers set up in Churu Secondary Switching Area (SSA) are not functioning. These mobile towers are being made functional in BSNL's Global System for Mobile Communication (GSM) phase VII expansion project which is currently under implementation.