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

- (a) whether the Government has taken note that a number of mobile towers have not been made operational due to lack of proper equipment;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the time by which these towers are likely to be made operational?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) The Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) have, in general, reported that no mobile towers have been made non-operational due to lack of proper equipment. However, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has reported that 1338 towers are not equipped and that these towers would be equipped during the rollout of Global System for Mobile (GSM) network expansion of 15 million lines out of which approximately 7.2 million lines have already been rolled out.