

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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MOBILE TOWERS IN RURAL AREAS
Birla Shri Om

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

- (a) the total number of subscribers having prepaid and postpaid connections of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) mobile services in the country during the last three years and the current year, prepaid and postpaid connection-wise;
- (b) the number of mobile towers set up in rural and urban areas of Rajasthan during the last three years and the current year; and
- (c) number of new mobile towers and other equipment likely to be set up for better connectivity during the current year along with the present status thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) Prepaid and postpaid connection-wise details of total number of subscribers of mobile services of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) in the country during the last three years and the current year (as on 31.5.2014) are given below..

Period	As on Prepaid connections	Postpaid connections
31.03.2012	9,10,84,010	34,25,064
31.03.2013	9,51,98,994	33,05,818
31.03.2014	8,91,32,302	32,68,100
31.05.2014	8,61,78,076	32,38,293

- (b) Details of number of Mobile Base Transceiver Stations(BTSs) set up in rural and urban areas of Rajasthan during the last three years and current year is given below:

Year	Rural (2G)	Urban (2G)	Rural (3G)	Urban (3G)
2011-12	32	18	50	13
2012-13	103	67	170	06
2013-14	270	121	391	213
2014-15	09	05	14	05

(upto 31.05.2014)

- (c) BSNL has planned to add 645 Node Bs (3G) and 1109 Base Transceiver Stations (BTSs) (2G) and associated core equipment in Rajasthan circle under its phase VII GSM expansion project. Out of this planned addition, BSNL has already installed 218 Node Bs and 575 BTSs (2G).