

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The Department of Information Technology through its Technology Development for Indian Languages (TDIL) program has set up 13 Resource Centres for Indian Languages Technology solutions covering all Indian languages. Information processing tools and technologies for Indian languages have been developed.

NIC has also been carrying out computerization in the local languages as per State Govts. requirement.

### **Cellular Service in Kerala**

**1461. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB PEEVEE:** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Cellular services are being provided throughout India including Kerala;

(b) if not, the places where this service is not available at present; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to provide satisfactory service at par with other services being provided by private cell operators?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD):** (a) Yes, Sir. Licences have been issued to various operators including PSUs to provide mobile services throughout India. As per licence agreement they are to provide mobile services in 50% of the district headquarters or any other town in lieu of District Headquarter within three years of the effective date of licence.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) The quality of mobile service provided by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) in Kerala is generally meeting the various benchmarks set by Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) except for call success rate which is mainly due to limitations of network capacity. BSNL is in the process of enhancing the capacity of the mobile network to resolve this issue and further the network is being optimized to its performance continuously.