

Changing of overhead wiring to underground by MTNL

1345. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether MTNL, Delhi has decided to change the overhead wiring to underground to improve quality of its services;

(b) if so, whether the job has been entrusted to private contractors alongwith the details of the areas proposed to be covered and time frame fixed therefor;

(c) whether MTNL is aware that private contractors are unnecessarily delaying the completion of job; and

(d) if so, whether contractors responsible for causing delay have been identified and the action taken/proposed to be taken against them to ensure timely completion of the job?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEELAHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir. MTNL has decided to make the network poleless by converting the pole DPs into wall DPs.

(b) Yes, Sir. The job is got done through private contractors/PSUs in Delhi and Mumbai through tendering process in a phased manner.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Action has been initiated against those erring contractors for not completing the work within the scheduled time.

Mobile phone services in Chhattisgarh

†1346. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications for mobile phone connections in the waiting list in each district of Chhattisgarh as on the 28th February, 2006;

(b) the number of connections provided in each district during each of the last three years up to the 28th February, 2006;

(c) the number of Tehsil Head Quarters of the State connected with mobile services and the names of the Tehsils which are planned to be connected by the 31st March, 2006; and

(d) the details of action being taken to provide new mobile connections in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEELAHMAD): (a) Sir, waiting list of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) mobile connections

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in Chhattisgarh State is 1,25,647 as on 28.2.06. District wise details have been given in the enclosed Statement-I (See below)

(b) Number of cellular mobile connections provided by BSNL in Chhattisgarh during the last 3 years up to February, 2006 is given in the enclosed Statement-II (See below)

(c) BSNL has already covered 41 Tehsil Head Quarters (THQ) with cellular mobile services in Chhattisgarh details are given in Annexure-B. Remaining 56 THQs are expected to be covered during the current year. Details of Tehsil Headquarters which are planned to be covered during this year is given in the enclosed Statement-III. (See below).

(d) BSNL has already ordered expansion of Mobile network capacity in Chhattisgarh by 1.5 lakh lines which is presently under rollout. New mobile connections are likely to be progressively released from March, 2006 onwards. BSNL has further planned additional capacity of 4 lakh lines for Chhattisgarh and the same is expected to be available during the financial year 2006-07.

Statement-I

District wise waiting list of Cellular Connections as on 28.2.2006 and Number of Cellular Connection provided during the last three years by BSNL.

Sl. No.	District	Waiting list as on 28.2.06	Total No. of Mobile connections provided up to March, 2004	Total No. of Mobile connections provided up to March, 2005	Total No. of Mobile connections provided up to February, 2006
1	Dantewada	5253	880	901	2418
2	Jagdalpur	10794	1306	2212	2927
3	Kanker	5414	893	916	2114
4	Bilaspur	11009	4831	7671	10558
5	Jangeer	5880	972	1022	3024
6	Korba	8734	1656	5449	6153
7	Durg	20758	5055	8416	13219
8	Kawardha	1308	775	1304	1641
9	Rajanandgaon	3995	1298	2289	3768
10	Jashpurnagar	2081	1000	1000	1000
11	Raigarh	8152	1400	1821	3152
12	Dhamtari	3583	890	1869	2069
13	Mahasamund	6800	955	955	2784
14	Raipur	21182	8165	16344	24791
15	Ambikapur	4261	1028	1713	2583
16	Korea	6443	999	1007	3020
TOTAL:		125647	32103	54889	85221

Statement II

List of Tehsil Head Quarter for Global System for mobile communication (Gsm) mobile coverage.

Sl. No.	Tehsil Head Quarter
1.	Bilaspur
2.	Mungeli
3.	Janjgir
4.	Pamgarh
5.	Champa
6.	Sakti
7.	Korba
8.	Balod
9.	Bemetara
10.	Dongargarh
11.	Durg
12.	Kawardha
13.	Khairagarh
14.	Rajnandgaon
15.	Bhanupratappur
16.	Charama
17.	Dantewada
18.	Jagdapur
19.	Kanker
20.	Keskal
21.	Kondagaon
22.	Raigarh
23.	Kharsia
24.	Sarangarh
25.	Jaspurnagar
26.	Abhanpur
27.	Arang
28.	Balodabazar
29.	Basne
30.	Bhatapara
31.	Dhamtari
32.	Kurud
33.	Mahasamund
34.	Nayapararajim
35.	Neora
36.	Raipur
37.	Saraipalli
38.	Simga
39.	Ambikapur
40.	Baikunthpur
41.	Manendergarh

Statement-III

List of Tehsil Headquarter planned in 2006 for GSM mobile coverage in Chhattisgarh

Sl. No. Tehsil Headquarter	
1	2
1.	Masturi
2.	Pendra Road
3.	Kota (Kargirroad)
4.	Takhatpur
5.	Lormi
6.	Nawagarh
7.	Malkharoda
8.	Jaijaipur
9.	Dabhra
10.	Katghora
11.	Pali
12.	Kartala
13.	A Chauki
14.	Berla
15.	Chhuikhadan
16.	D. Lohara
17.	Dhamdha
18.	Dongargaon
19.	Gunderdehi
20.	Gurur
21.	Pandaria
22.	Manpur
23.	Mohla
24.	Navagarh
25.	Patan
26.	Saja
27.	Antagarh
28.	Bhopalpattnam
29.	Bijapur
30.	Konta
31.	Narayanpur
32.	Narharpur

1	2
33.	Pakhanjur
34.	Sukma
35.	Gharghoda
36.	Lailunga
37.	Dharmjaigarh
38.	Kunkuri
39.	Bagicha
40.	Pathalgaon
41.	Bhilaigarh
42.	Deobhog
43.	Gariaband (Brin)
44.	Kasdol
45.	Nagri
46.	Pallari
47.	Bharatpur
48.	Kusmi
49.	Lundra
50.	Pratappur
51.	Rajpur
52.	Ramanujganj
53.	Sitapur
54.	Sonhat
55.	Surajpur
56.	Wadrafnagar

Proposal to ban private couriers from delivering small packets

1347. PROF. P.J. KURIAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a plan to ban private courier companies from delivering letters up to 500 gram;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) to what extent Government would offer an efficient alternate courier service; and

(d) the details of the plans and objectives behind this proposed ban?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEELAHMAD): (a) and (b) As provided under