

- (c) the steps taken by Government to execute the proposals?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has installed 5606 number of BTSs y (Base Transceiver Stations) in Andhra Pradesh and 4654 number of BTSs in Telangana.

(b) and (c) No such proposal is pending in the Ministry. However, BSNL has planned 2078 number of BTS in Andhra Pradesh and 1693 number of BTSs in Telangana under its Phase VII GSM Expansion project. Out of these 2063 BTSs in Andhra Pradesh and 1576 number of BTSs in Telangana have been commissioned.

Government has assigned the work of providing mobile connectivity in 2199 identified locations in Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected areas through BSNL at an estimated cost of ₹ 3567.58 crores. Out of these, 43 BTSs in Andhra Pradesh and 184 BTSs in Telangana have been planned.

Procurement of crops

†2254. SHRI JUGUL KISHORE: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government agencies procure Kharif crops from the farmers through crop procurement centres; and

(b) if so, the way above centres procure crops from flood affected areas or crops affected by diseases;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI RAOSAHEB DADARAO DANVE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Kharif crops are procured by Government agencies through procurement centres from farmers as per Government specifications and also from the flood affected areas or crops affected by disease as per relaxed specifications, if decided by the Government.

Inferior quality of packaged drinking water

2255. SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of irregularities and complaints regarding inferior quality of packaged drinking water have been registered in the last three years, if so, the details thereof; and

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