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23.	Sikkim	74928	40476	16941
24.	Tamil Nadu	8118224	6266555	1181344
25.	Tripura	578479	499054	55043
26.	Uttarakhand	912650	672138	157330
27.	Uttar Pradesh	23325456	18532272	3035331
28.	West Bengal	7123347	5852681	979833
29.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	11803	4626	2415
30.	Chandigarh	714	453	133
31.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	14724	8177	3903
32.	Daman and Diu	8355	7716	458
33.	Delhi	20497	11308	4517
34.	Lakshadweep	10285	9854	267
35.	Puducherry	33228	28481	2779
ALL INDIA		138348461	92825979	24779150

*Note:* Total may not tally due to rounding off.

#### **Non-working of BSNL mobile services at Dharchula, Uttarakhand**

‡556. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that the BSNL mobiles are not working in the bordering tehsil, namely Dharchula in Uttarakhand, where borders are connected with Nepal, Tibet and China;

(b) whether any complaint was received earlier also by the Ministry in this regard;

(c) if so, the reasons for not restoring mobile services by BSNL so far; and

(d) by when mobile services will be restored at Dharchula by BSNL?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has reported that its mobile services in Dharchula are working satisfactorily. At present,

‡Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

six numbers of mobile Base Transceiver Stations (BTSs) at Dharchula, Nigalpani, Baluwakote, Kalika, Jaulijibi and Baram are functioning in the areas bordering Nepal, Tibet and China, as per security norms.

(b) to (d) BSNL has informed that on receipt of complaint, the same is dealt as per rules. BSNL has reported that services were interrupted on account of cutting of its Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) due to continuous road widening work by Border Road Organization (BRO). BSNL has further informed that it took immediate action for restoration of mobile services as and when break down occurred due to OFC cut. As further solution, Dharchula-I and Nigalpani BTSs have been provided with satellite connectivity.

#### **BSNL services**

557. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of qualified temporary employees in BSNL are being relieved from service despite a large number of posts remaining vacant;

(b) whether Government is aware that services of BSNL are lacking in many aspects for want of sufficient number of employees and inordinate delay in purchasing up-to-date technologies and equipments; and

(c) whether Government would ensure more professional leadership and availability of sufficient funds to BSNL so that it competes with other organizations on level playing field?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has informed that no such action has been taken by it.

(b) BSNL has reported that employee strength required for maintenance of telecom services is available with it. BSNL has reported that it has been unable to purchase new equipment for expansion of mobile network during the period 2008-2012 due to issues in procurement. However, BSNL has now commenced roll out of 15 million lines for expansion of mobile services under its Phase VII project, out of which 13 million lines have been commissioned till June, 2015.

(c) It has been the endeavor of the Government to appoint the best leadership for BSNL from amongst those available in a transparent manner.