

Mobile Market

1554. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that mobile market is in turmoil as Government and the regulator have not come out with a clear cut policy and rules; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) No, Sir. The Cellular Mobile Telephone Service (CMTS) has shown a healthy growth of 80% to 90% per year for the last two years in terms of number of subscribers in the country. Terms and conditions of the Licence for providing CMTS are well-defined in the Licence Agreements signed with the CMTS Operators.

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

Mobile phone sets to postmen in the States

†1555. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh where postmen have been provided with mobile phone sets under the newly launched Gramin Sanchar Sevak Yojana, district-wise; and

(b) the extent to which the sets have been used and the success of the experiment so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) A total of 1136 villages have been covered in Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh States under the newly launched pilot scheme Grameen Sanchar Sewak Yojana. The details are given below.

†The original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Sl. No.	Name of State	No. of village covered
1.	Madhya Pradesh	433
2.	Maharashtra	179
3.	Chhattisgarh	524
TOTAL		1136

District-wise details are given in the Statement (*See below*).

(b) On an average 22 calls per day per Grameen Sanchar Sewak have been recorded. The scheme is successful so far.

Statement

District-wise detail of villages covered by Grameen Sanchar Sewak

Sl. No.	State	Name of District	No. of GSS	No. of Villages covered
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Madhya Pradesh	Balaghat	7	16
		Betul	6	32
		Bhind	8	80
		Chhatarpur	2	8
		Chhindwara	7	30
		Damoh	3	23
		Guna	13	143
		Khargone	2	11
		Morena	3	29
		Rewa	7	23
		Seoni	11	27
		Tikamgarh	2	6
		Barwani	1	5
		Total	72	433
2.	Maharashtra	Latur	8	16
		Ratnagiri	8	11
		Ahmednagar	25	54
		Beed	26	86
		Sangli	4	12
		Total	71	179

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1	2	3	4	5
3.	Chhattisgarh	Bilaspur	11	31
		Janjgir-Champa	10	24
		Korba	3	29
		Durg	14	71
		Kawardha	6	40
		Rajnandgaon	6	39
		Dhamtari	2	5
		Mahasamund	2	5
		Raipur	11	28
		Korea	4	23
		Surguja	5	37
		Bastar	5	25
		Dantewada	0	0
		Kanker	7	23
		Jaspurnagar	17	93
		Raigarh	10	51
		Total	113	524
		GRAND TOTAL	256	1136

Wider spectrum for cell phone operators

1556. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether cell phone operators have sought for a wider spectrum; and

(b) if so, the names of these operators and Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Based on their requirements GSM cellular spectrum upto 6.2 MHz (with paired spectrum) is being