

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
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**ANSWERED ON**  
**G SPECTRUM .**

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether 3G spectrum is allotted to BSNL and 3G services are introduced by BSNL;
- (b) if so, the cities covered by 3G services in Kerala;
- (c) by when 3G services would be introduced in Kerala; and
- (d) the total number of 3G connections issued in the country?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) As on 31.10.2009, BSNL has not covered any city in Kerala by 3G services. However, BSNL has planned to introduce 3G services in 21 cities in Kerala during the IVth Quarter of Financial Year 2009-10. The list of cities is given in the Annexure.

(d) The number of 3G connections issued by BSNL and MTNL are 73133 and 129024 respectively.