

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:481

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MANIPULATION OF ISD FACILITY

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the new-item captioned `Mumbai dons chat, MTNL facts bills` appearing in the Indian Express dated January 4, 2000;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto ? * * * *

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) & (b) : Unauthorised use of ISD facility from two telephone lines at Mumbai has been detected and these lines have since been disconnected. The case has been made over to Mumbai Police for further detailed investigation.

(c) : As a preventive measure, suitable modifications in the systems have been implemented after detailed study of different technologies to stop such misuse. All field units have also been instructed to keep special watch to prevent such possible misuse.