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WLL SERVICE OF MTNL
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the date on which Garuda/WLL mobile service was introduced by MTNL;
- (b) the number of times MTNL changed telephone sets of WLL service;
- (c) whether WLL service is not regular and effective at present; and
- (d) if so, the concrete steps taken by the Government to make WLL service regular and effective?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI , PRADHAN) (a) The WLL Mobile service was introduced by MTNL in Delhi on 17th May, 1997 and service was rechristened as GARUDA` on 7th October, 2001. In Mumbai the service was introduced on 25.01.2002.

(b) Handsets are only changed in the event of fault or change of handset plan as desired by customer.

(c) & (d): Additional equipment to improve WLL service has been procured by MTNL.