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CREATION OF INDEPENDENT TELECOM DISTRICTS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Telecom Department has drawn any guidelines for the creation of independent Telecom Districts;
- (b) if so, the criteria laid down in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government have examined the feasibility of creation of an independent telecom district for Udupi in Karnataka; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SRI YASHOK PRADHAN)

- (a) Yes, Sir. In 1985 Department of Telecom issued guidelines for creation of Telecom District in organisational restructuring of the Telecom. Circles.
- (b) The Organisational restructuring of all Telecom Circles in the country was done on the SSA concept as under:
 - (i) The SSA will constitute the basic management/operative unit for the circles which will be called Telecom Districts.
 - (ii) The Telecom Districts covering a SSA was not to be bifurcated due to increase in work load. Instead, periodical upgradation of management level was to be done on the basis of norms.
 - (iii) Entire operation, planning and management was to be done by treating SSA as a single entry.
- (c) Yes, Sir.
- (d) Udupi district is a part of Dakshina Kannada (Mangalore) SSA. General Manager Telecom is the head of Dakshina Kannada SSA. According to the SSA concept, it was not found feasible to bifurcate SSA Dakshina Kannada for creating an independent Telecom District for Udupi.