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UPGRADED WLL MOBILE SERVICES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the MTNL has launched an upgraded WLL mobile service Garuda;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether people can access internet on their handsets;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the manner in which this MTNL service is different from the other telephone services?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SRI P. V. VASHTOK PRADHAN)

- (a) & (b): Yes, Sir. MTNL has launched upgraded Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) service i.e. MSC-based CDMA 2000 1X having capacity of 150K lines in Delhi on 24th March, 2003.
- (c) & (d): Yes, Sir. In Delhi, the subscriber can access internet using a `Data Cord` connected to Laptop/Desktop PC. This feature is available in handsets compatible with 1X technology.
- (e) The Garuda WLL Mobile Service provides mobility throughout the city area almost at the cost of landline services. In addition, the subscriber can also connect to the interconnect at higher speed even while on move.