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INSTALLATION OF TOWERS IN DELHI AND MUMBAI
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of towers installed by the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited in Delhi and Mumbai for providing telecommunication facilities and to streamline cellular services;
- (b) the number of additional towers approved and population of both the cities likely to be brought under the purview;
- (c) the time by which telephone facilities are likely to be provided through MCPC under new scheme to those places where telephone facilities cannot be provided through landline and the percentage of population of both the cities brought under the purview of telecommunication facilities.
- (d) whether the Dolphin/Trump signals in Delhi are not functioning properly; and
- (e) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Sir, MTNL Delhi has installed 317 towers for its cellular mobile services (Dolphin and Trump) to cover Delhi and NCR towns, viz., Ghaziabad, Noida, Faridabad and Gurgaon.

Similarly, MTNL, Mumbai has installed 332 towers for its mobile service to cover Mumbai, Thane Municipal Corporation, Navi Mumbai, Panvel City, Kalyan City and Dombivali City.

(b) It is proposed to provide additional 154 towers under MTNL, Delhi Unit and 128 towers in Mumbai Unit for better coverage commensurate with the total capacity of 8 lakhs connection being added.

(c) Satellite based MCPC technology is provided in hilly terrain in low traffic areas. Both units of MTNL are covered through wire line as well as wireless technology. The present tele density of Delhi and Mumbai are 16.35 and 20.69 respectively.

(d) & (e) In some pockets, problem of poor signal has been noticed. To improve the services besides expansion of network, micro BTS in hotels, stations and other buildings have been installed.