

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

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VACANCIES IN MTNL
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of vacancies in the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited as on March 31, 2005;
- (b) the extent of decrease in the earnings of the Nigam due to shortage of trained manpower;
- (c) whether the shortage of trained manpower in Delhi and Mumbai causes inconvenience to the consumers and render the service of MTNL unsatisfactory; and
- (d) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to fill the vacancies in the MTNL at the earliest?

Answer

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

- (a) The number of vacancies in MTNL is 1783.
- (b) Reduction in revenue is because of various reasons such as, reduction in tariff, ADC, etc. and not attributable to shortage of trained manpower. In fact, the MTNL has embarked upon VRS to reduce the staff cost.
- (c) No, Sir. Existing manpower is being trained and retrained for taking up new challenges.
- (d) MTNL has its own policy to fill up the vacancies as per need through open competitive examination and departmental promotional examination.