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

- (a) whether the telecom company Nokia has been allowed to start its manufacturing base in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and by when the production is likely to be started ;
- (c) the details of employment opportunities likely to be generated;
- (d) whether there is any proposal to allow other multinationals to open their manufacturing base in the country;
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) Manufacture of telecom equipment do not require any specific approval from the Government. Further, 100% Foreign Direct Investment in this sector is allowed under automatic route.

So far as Nokia is concerned, they have announced to invest US\$ 100 to 150 million to it's own production facility near Chennai within next coming 3-4 years. As per indications given by the company the production is expected to start in the first half of year 2006 and would provide job opportunity for approximately 2000 persons.