

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

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CAPITAL INVESTMENT BY MTNL

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

- (a) whether capital investment has been made by the MTNL in other commercial organisations during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the Quantum of capital investment and the names of the organisations in which the investment has been made alongwith the dates of such investment;
- (c) the assessment regarding receipt of dividend on this capital investment and the amount received so far by way of dividend; and
- (d) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Investment of Rs. 100 Crores was made by MTNL on 30.03.2002 in 8.75% Preference Share Capital of M/S ITI Ltd.

(c) &(d) M/S ITI Ltd. is not in a position to declare any dividend in view of huge losses incurred during the last three years. No dividend amount was therefore received by MTNL on this Capital Investment.