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CAPITAL INVESTMENT IN TELECOM SECTOR
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of total capital investment in telecom sector till the end of March, 2004;
- (b) the additional capital investment made in this sector during 2004-05;
- (c) the investment out of the total capital investment made in the public and private sector respectively; and
- (d) the number of telephone subscribers in the public and private sector separately till the end of March, 2005?

Answer

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

(a) The total investment in the telecom sector by public and private sectors is estimated to be about Rs.1,85,000 crore till the end of March, 2004 as per various sources including the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE).

(b) & (c) There has been additional capital investment of about Rs.22,000 crore during year 2004-05. The investment by BSNL is about Rs.7,500 crore out of the above.

(d) The number of telephone subscribers (in lakhs) as on 31-03-2005 is as follows:

(i) Public : 520.88

(ii) Private : 462.84

Total : 983.72