

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:102
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POOR MOBILE NETWORKING
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the deteriorating quality of mobile services in the country;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India has recently discussed the matter with the cellular operators of the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the measures taken by the Government to improve the quality of mobile services?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 102 FOR 24TH FEBRUARY, 2006 REGARDING POOR MOBILE NETWORKING.

(a) & (b) No, Sir. Efforts are continuously made by all service providers to improve the quality of services of mobile network in the country. An analysis of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) report for the quarter ending December, 2005 indicates that most of the Quality of Service (QOS) parameters are generally met.

(c) & (d) The matter was discussed by TRAI with service providers when the latter indicated that they have a very high growth rate and that factors such as interconnection, lack or delay of permission for erection of cell sites, etc. are impeding a better QOS.

(e) Besides watching the general performance with reference to QOS, Government is making efforts to coordinate and release additional spectrum from existing users. The matters for clearance of cell sites is pursued with local authorities. TRAI has also appointed an independent agency for monitoring the QOS.