

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

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PROBLEMS OF ITS OFFICERS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received some letters regarding the ITS officers in the communications Department;
- (b) if so, the total number of such letters;
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government for solving the problems of the ITS officers; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government has received a number of letters (including about 100 from Members of Parliament) over the past few months regarding ITS officers in connection with their absorption in BSNL/MTNL.

(c) & (d) In accordance with the decision already made by the Government regarding corporatisation of Telecom services, the ITS officers, in March 2005, were offered terms of absorption. Various clarifications were given from time to time. Government also held discussions with ITS officers in this regard. The last date of giving options, which was originally 16.05.2005 has been extended from time to time up to 09.12.2005. However, a number of cases have been filed by ITS officers individually as well as their Association in various Benches of the Central Administrative Tribunals and High Courts and are pending. The matter is currently Sub Judice.