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

- (a) the number of complaints received by the Government in regard to irregularities and corruption pertaining to telecommunications from all over the country during the last three years and the number out of them disposed of so far, till date;
- (b) the steps taken by the Government for early disposal of all the pending complaints;
- (c) whether there is no any Chief Vigilance Officer in the Department of Telecommunications; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor and the time by which the Chief Vigilance Officer is likely to be appointed?

Answer

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

- (a) As on 01-01-2003 a total number of 1760 complaints in regard to irregularities and corruption pertaining to telecommunications were under investigation. Thereafter, 13466 such complaints were received during the last three years from all over the country. Out of them, 14583 complaints have been disposed of during the last three years.
- (b) As and when complaints/cases of irregularities and corruption are received, the same are investigated by the Departmental Vigilance Machinery and necessary disciplinary action as per rules is taken in cases where the charges are established. Also, help of specialized investigating agencies like Police and CBI is taken in cases where deemed fit and action initiated/taken against the delinquent officers/officials.
- (c) & (d) There is a post of Senior Deputy Director General (Vigilance) in the Department of Telecommunications, which is currently vacant, consequent upon the appointment of the previous incumbent as a Board Director in the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited. Efforts are underway, in consultation with the Central Vigilance Commission, to fill up the post shortly.