

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

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BRINGING OUT OF TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) the names of cities for which the MTNL brings out telephone directories;
- (b) when the last directories were brought out in respect of these cities;
- (c) whether for the last several years no telephone directories have been brought out in respect of these cities;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the time by which the next issue of telephone directory for each of these cities is likely to be brought out?

**Answer**

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

- (a) Sir, Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) brings out telephone directories for Delhi and Mumbai.
- (b) & (c)
- (i) For Delhi, the last Main Telephone Directory was issued in 1999. Supplementary Directory was issued in 2001.
- (ii) For Mumbai , the last Main Telephone Directory was issued in 2000. Supplementary Directory was issued in 2002.
- (d) The reasons for delay in bringing out telephone directories by MTNL are as below:-

MTNL, Delhi - Due to change in the guidelines for the directory printing schedule, the tender during 2004 had to be cancelled. Decision of MTNL to cancel the tender process was challenged in the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi by one of the bidders. MTNL was restrained by the Hon'ble Court from issuing NIT. On 11-01-2006, the Court dismissed the case. New tender is scheduled to be floated and finalized in 2006-07.

MTNL, Mumbai - Due to change in the guidelines for the directory printing schedule, tender floated on 10-03-2003 for printing of telephone directory was cancelled. A fresh tender was floated again as per revised schedule. This tender was cancelled due to technical reason. A fresh tender has been floated on 12-01-2006. Evaluation of tender is under process.

- (e) The next issue of Telephone Directory is planned to be brought out in 2007-08 for Delhi and 2006-07 for Mumbai.