

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

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JOINT WORKING GROUP IN INFRASTRUCTURE SHARING  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Ministry has set up a joint working group to deal with issues regarding infrastructure sharing which enables two or more competing cellular operators to emit radio signals from the same tower;
- (b) if so, whether this group has submitted its report to the Government;
- (c) if so, the main recommendations thereof; and
- (d) the extent to which these recommendations are likely to help in clearing networking jam?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b) Yes, Sir. A Committee was set up for formulating a project for infrastructure sharing in Delhi by mobile operators. The Committee has submitted its preliminary report for Delhi in April 2006.
- (c) The Committee has recommended a target of total 1800 shared cell sites for Delhi in phase-wise manner by September 2007. These include existing sites of various operators being made available for sharing as well as greenfield sites.
- (d) The measures suggested will enable the operators to put in place more towers, thereby improving the quality of service through better coverage.