

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

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COMMITTEE TO CHECK MISUSE OF TECHNOLOGY .

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

- (a) Whether it is possible to send SMSs using the cell number of other people without their knowledge;
- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) Whether the Government has set up a committee to check the possible misuse of the said technology;
- (d) If so, the details thereof; and
- (e) The time by which the said committee will submit its report?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b) Only through browser interface it is possible to send SMSs using the cell number of other people without their knowledge.
- (c) Yes, Sir.
- (d) The Committee was set up to examine the following issues:
  - (i) To determine how such misuse of technology is possible
  - (ii) Measures to prevent misuse of technology while allowing normal SMS service
  - (iii) Role of telecom service provider
  - (iv) Any other issues the members of the Committee may consider necessary to be considered by the Committee
- (e) The Committee has already submitted its report.