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

- (a) the areas of the country which have mobile connectivity problem;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to solve the said problem of such areas without any delay;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which it is likely to be done;
- (d) if not, whether this problem has been allowed to persist just to benefit the private companies; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) The mobile telecom network in the country is growing at a fast rate. In order to meet the growing demand due to the rapid growth of the mobile services and for improving the mobile connectivity the telecom Service Providers are continuously augmenting their mobile network infrastructure and optimizing the same.

Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) monitors the performance of mobile service providers against the quality of service benchmarks notified in the Regulations issued by TRAI, through quarterly Performance Monitoring Reports obtained from telecom operators. TRAI also monitors the congestion at the point of interconnection (POI) through monthly congestion report.

Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited is providing extensive coverage by covering more than 10,000 stations/places and the service, in general, is meeting the quality of service standards prescribed by the TRAI.