

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

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TASK FORCE FOR TELECOM SECTOR  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) the efforts made by the Government for providing the benefit of the technological development in Telecommunications Sector to each and every citizen and outcome thereof;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to constitute a task force for the coordination in Telecommunications Sector; and
- (c) the time by which the task force is likely to be constituted?

**Answer**

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

(a) The Government has liberalized the telecom sector. The New Telecom Policy formulated by the Government has brought competition among the operators to provide the latest and best telecom services to the subscribers at the most cost effective price. Indian telecom network is poised for 200 million connections. Latest Telecom Services like Internet, Broadband, Cellular Mobile Services has already been made available to the masses. Cellular Mobile services is now growing at the rate of about 7 million connection per month. With regard to introduction of 3rd and future generations of mobile services, the government is in the process of formulating appropriate policy.

In order to roll out telecom services in the rural area, government is in the process of developing telecom infrastructures by utilizing the USO fund.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.