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Title: Regarding mobile network problem in Malenadu and coastal areas of Karnataka.

SHRI B. Y. RAGHAVENDRA (SHIMOGA): Mr. Speaker, Sir, there is a digital network problem in Karnataka, especially in the rural areas. The Malenadu hilly areas and coastal regions of Karnataka are particularly badly affected with this problem. BSNL is a public sector undertaking of the Union Government. Its equipment need regular maintenance but there is a lack of supply of diesel to the generators, providing distilled water to the battery, and lack of network towers. The Union Government has launched the concept of Digital India. Under this concept, most of the young people are wholly dependent upon the digital network for their work and also for Government works. It is common now that young generations are having to leave their parents and go in search of jobs to various metro cities and settle there.

During vacation, if they intend to visit their parents, they do not get proper network to finish their day to day activities. Due to this reason, they are avoiding the visit to their parents' place.

So, hon. Speaker, Sir, through you, I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether the Government has planned any new project to install new mobile towers in hilly and forest areas. If not, he should give priority to these badly affected areas.

Thank you, Sir.

माननीय अध्यक्ष: कुमारी शोभा कारान्दलाजे को श्री बी.वाई. राघवेन्द्र द्वारा उठाए गए विषय के साथ संबद्ध करने की अनुमति प्रदान की जाती है।

