

Foreign Missions Unhappy with MTNL

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Foreign missions unhappy with MTNL" appearing in the "Pioneer" dated July 14, 1994;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government to remove the hardships being faced by the foreign missions in Delhi or elsewhere in the country relating to their communication system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) It was a general complaint about the telephone services.

(c) On receipt of such complaints the MOS (C) himself tool a review meeting with the MTNL management and took decisions to reduce congestion on routes and ensure speedy repair of faulty services. Special attention is also being paid to the communications systems of foreign missions.

Major Ports

2134. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be

pleased to state:

(a) the total volume of traffic at major ports during the last three years, port-wise;

(b) the total revenue earned annually by these ports during the above period, port-wise; and

(c) the schemes proposed to be undertaken for the improvement of major ports in Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). A statement showing the total volume of cargo traffic handled at various Major Ports during the last three years and operating, financial and miscellaneous income earned by them during this period is enclosed.

(c) Following major schemes have been undertaken for the improvement of Kandla Port in Gujarat:-

- i) Construction of Eighth Cargo Berth.
- ii) Procurement of 19 Ton B.P. Tug.
- iii) Procurement of additional Wharf Cranes.
- iv) Development of Container Handling Facilities.
- v) Construction of Additional Oil Jetty at Kandla Port.
- vi) Construction of Multi-purpose berth at Vadinar.