

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS  
LOK SABHA**

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REVENUE LOSSES TO MTNL AND DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS

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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Department of Telecommunications has estimated a revenue loss up to Rs.3000 crore during the current financial year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (d) the total loss suffered by the Department of Telecommunications and MTNL during the last three years till date, due to misuse of PCOs for making illegal STD and ISD calls, year-wise and State-wise.
- (e) the number of such cases unearthed during the said period; and
- (f) the steps being taken by the Government to check the recurrence of such losses to the Department of Telecommunications and MTNL and the action taken against the guilty officials ? \*\*\*\*\*

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS (TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a), (b) & (c)

Available data indicate that reduction in the revenue of the Department of Telecom Services (including MTNL), due to tariff rebalancing, in financial year 1999-2000, is likely to be approx. Rs.2000 crores.

(d), (e) & (f)

The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.