

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

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TWINS PROJECT IN A.P.
DAGGUBATI RAMANAIDU

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to involve local units in the implementation of Twins project (Twin cities network services) in Andhara Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of Andhra Pradesh had requested for the participation of the A. P. Telecom Circle in the TWINS project for collection of telephone bills and for providing information to the subscribers of their accounts. The Govt. of A.P. had also asked for permission to share the design features of the billing software of BSNL(DOTSOFT) to enable integration with different applications of the other departments and agencies participating in the TWINS project. The present TBL billing system of Hyderabad Telecom System does not support open database connectivity with the TWINS Project. The A. P. Govt. had been requested to consider permitting the terminals of BSNL at the TWINS Centres from the existing Billing System, which they did not accept.