

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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TELECOM FACILITY IN ANDHRA PRADESH
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Union Government have received any proposal from Andhra Pradesh Government in regard to collection of telephone bills and providing information to the subscribers on their account among other project for clearance;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the said proposal has been cleared by the Government;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in the matter ?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): Yes, Sir. 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 on their accounts. The Government 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.
- (c) to (e): The present TCIL Bell South Ltd. (TBL) billing system of Hyderabad Telecom does not support open database connectivity with the TWINS project. The Govt. of A.P. had been requested to consider permitting the terminals of BSNL at the TWINS centers from the existing billing system, which they did not accept.