

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:459
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WIRELESS IN LOCAL LOOP
GADDE RAMAMOCHAN;M.V.V.S MURTHI

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government scheme of promoting telephone connectivity in rural India by distributing wireless in local loop(WLL) handsets to residents of remote villages has succeeded in promoting naxalism as reported in Hindustan Times dated June 14, 2002;
- (b) if so, the facts to the matter reported and reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to check that these handsets are not used by the naxalites?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITI MAHAJAN)

- (a) to (c): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.