

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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VPT AND WLL IN NORTH-EAST REGION
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the VPT with WLL system has been completed in the North-East Region particularly in Nagaland as per the Government's policy to give connection to all the villages by the end of 2002;
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the time by which it is likely to be completed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SRI MATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) As the SACFA (Standing Advisory Committee for Frequency Allocation) clearance to install WLL based VPTs was not given by the security agencies earlier in North-East Region, part of the equipment received was diverted and utilised elsewhere. Fresh equipment is now under procurement.

(c) It is planned to provide telecom facility on WLL in all the remaining technically feasible villages of North-East Region including state of Nagaland by December, 2003 subject to availability of resources.