

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6478  
ANSWERED ON:07.05.2003  
LAYING OF CABLES  
BALIRAM

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

- (a) the cost of the new cable laid in the various exchanges under various Regional General Managers in MTNL Delhi and Mumbai during January, 2000 to February, 2003 and the expenditure incurred thereon;
- (b) whether any case of corruption has been found in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government propose to take an appropriate action after conducting inquiry into the matter;
- (e) if so, by when the action against the erring officials is likely to be taken; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) The expenditure incurred during 1st January, 2000 to 28th February, 2003 on account of laying of new cables for development works for Delhi and Mumbai Units are:

Item	Delhi Unit	Mumbai Unit
Cost of Cable	Rs. 211,44,49,665	Rs. 1,41,11,93,271
Cash Expenditure	Rs. 143,17,95,152	Rs. 39,30,80,171
Total	Rs. 354,62,44,817	Rs. 180,42,73,442

The area-wise details in respect of MTNL, Delhi and Mumbai are given in the Annexure.

(b) & (c): No case of corruption in new cable laying has come to our notice, however, a case of cable laying for rehabilitation/maintenance was referred by area West-I which is under investigation by Vigilance Cell of MTNL, Delhi.

(d) & (e): Sir, action against erring officials will be initiated, on receipt of report of investigation.

(f) Does not arise in view of (d) & (e) above.

**ANNEXURE**

**AREA-WISE COST OF NEW CABLE LAID IN MTNL, MUMBAI From 1.1.2000 to 28.2.2003 (Rupees in Thousand)**

Sl. No.	Area	1.1.2000 to 31.3.2000	1.4.2000 to 31.3.2001	1.4.2001 to 31.3.2002	1.4.2002 to 28.2.2003	Total
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1	East-I	37386.891	85412.121	81142.777	26842.163	230783.952
2	East-II	35186.4	89377.933	69060.44	43474.979	237099.752
3	North	29521.336	74040.814	40610.252	17488.615	161661.017
4	N. Mumbai	22141	53850.839	72796.815	49841.281	198629.935
5	Central	9840.445	25732.216	7478.155	13750.409	56801.225

6 South 3690.167 7060.189 4966.128 3407.424 19123.908  
7 West-I 19680.891 47647.559 107919.508 28996.524 204244.482  
8 West-II 36901.671 90985.063 86037.035 49393.293 263317.062  
9 West-III 51662.339 126314.141 178933.001 75702.628 432612.109

Total 246011.14 600420.875 648944.111 308897.316 1804273.442

Cost of cables - Rs. 141,11,93,271  
Cost of expenditure - Rs. 39,30,80,171

Total - Rs. 180,42,73,442

AREA-WISE COST OF NEW CABLE LAID IN MTNL, DELHI From 1.1.2000 to 28.2.2003 (Rupees in Crores)

Area Cost of Cable Cash expenditure

Central	9	7
East	9	8
Trans Yamuna	40	32
North-I	12	11
North-II	21	11
South-I	16	12
South-II	30	23
West-I	38	15
West-II	27	18
West-III	9	6

Total 211 143