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

(a) whether any proposal is under the consideration of the Government to post technically qualified specialists capable of handling the latest technical appliances viz. WLL, on a minimum term of two years instead of one year; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken in this regard and to provide better telephone services in the North East?

Answer

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

(a) Technically qualified and competent personnel capable of handling the latest technology equipments are already being posted in all the places. The tenure of officers posted from other states to all the tenure stations is two years except Nagaland, Manipur and J&K (Excluding Jammu SSA) where the tenure is one year owing to difficult working conditions.

(b)

(i) There is no proposal to increase the tenure from one to two years.

(ii) Important steps taken to provide better telephone services in the North East are as follows:

(a) WLL technology has already been inducted in the North East.

(b) MARR based VPTs are being replaced progressively.

(c) Grameen Sanchar Sewak (GSS) Scheme has been launched.

(d) The existing SBM Exchanges in Rural Areas are being converted to RSUs.

(e) Tendering process for procurement of Mobile Services Equipments is in process.

(f) High speed internet access system is planned to be commissioned this year in Shillong and Imphal.