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

(a) whether during the inauguration of a Mobile company in Rai Bareilly, panic and utter confusion prevailed for some time when S.M.S. Message alongwith the photograph of Osama Bin Laden was received on the mobile phone as reported in the `Dainik Jagran` dated January 24, 2003;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether any inquiry has been conducted into it;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a)to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.