GOVERNMENT OF INDIA COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3129 ANSWERED ON:12.03.2003 REPRESENTATION BY COAI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY;SHYAMA SINGH

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

(a) whether the Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI) has represented to TRAI that WLL Companies are misleading public as reported in the Hindustan Times dated February 7, 2003;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether the COAI has urged the Government and TRAI to take suitable action in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): Sir, Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI) on behalf of the Cellular Operators has inter-alia represented against the way the Private Basic Service Operators are advertising and providing the serviceto their subscribers using Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) equipment. This matter was also brought to the notice of Telecom Disputes Settlement and Appellate Tribunal (TDSAT) during hearing of a Petition. The matter is sub-judice.