

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

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

- (a) whether MTNL in Delhi has been unable to finalise the selection of handsets and fix minimum technical specifications for such handsets to be used in WLL service;
- (b) if so, the reasons for the delay on the part of MTNL in this regard;
- (c) the period since when this evaluation process has been going on; and
- (d) the time by which a final decision in this regard is likely to be taken ?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SIKDAR)

- (a) No, Sir. The technical specifications for handsets for WLL equipment were finalised in 1999 by MTNL. Subsequently, Telecom Engineering Centre (TEC) has also finalised specifications giving Generic Requirements (GR).
- (b) & (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.
- (d) Based on above technical specifications of MTNL Purchase Order for 30,000 handsets of WLL service of Delhi was issued on 4.7.2000. These handsets had been received and are in use at present. Subsequently another purchase order for 15,000 handset has been placed on 24.02.2002 based on TEC specifications.