

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

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DAMAGE OF CABLES AND TELEPHONE LINES
BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB

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

- (a) whether the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) has suffered financial loss due to damage of cables and telephone lines on account of digging by Metro Railways in the Capital recently;
- (b) if so, the facts thereof; and
- (c) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI J. PRADHAN)

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. Some cables were damaged by digging activities carried out by Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) and total financial loss on this account was Rs. 2,87,017.

(c) Effective co-ordination is maintained with Delhi Metro Railway Authorities to re-locate MTNL's underground cable, wherever required, to avoid damages in future.