

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2382
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COMPUTERISED DIGITAL TRUNK MANUAL EXCHANGES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether despite sharp decline in the trunk traffic, DOT imported 14 computerised digital trunk manual exchanges of higher operators positions than actually required resulting in an avoidable expenditure of Rs.24.32 crore in the procurement of surplus capacity equipment in eight exchanges test checked;
- (b) if so, the reasons for procurement of surplus capacity computerised digital trunk manual exchanges;
- (c) the action taken by the Government in the matter against the officials responsible for causing loss to the State;
- (d) whether the rotational transfer policy is not being followed in DoT and officers keep on posted at the same place for number of years giving room for nexus to be developed ;
- (e) if so, the details thereof ; and
- (f) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SH.TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) No , Sir. The growth in Telecom. Services and STD stations was not large during 90-91 to 92-93. The decline of Trunk Traffic/ Revenue during these years was of the order of 10% only. Keeping in view the decreasing trunk traffic, the requirement of the equipment to be ordered on the vendor was reviewed, based on the trunk traffic available for Nov., 93. Accordingly the revised proposal was sent to 'MM' Branch for issuing the Advance Purchase Order. The details of the original proposal and revised proposal are as under:

Sl.No.	Item	Quantity proposed in Jan., 1993	Quantity proposed in March, 1994 (after review of traffic)
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1.	Personal Computer	2860	1330
2.	Versatile Multiplexers System/2MB System	517	243
3.	Digital Multiplexers/2/8 MB PCM System	136	64
4.	Headgear Sets	5720	2660

The high growth rate in Telecom. Services commenced during the last five years only and hence it was not possible to forecast that the Department policies will change and the growth in Telecom/STD services would be so high resulting in sharp decline in trunk traffic/revenue.

(b) & (c) Not applicable in view of `a` above.

(d) As an economy measure rotational transfers involving significant proportion of the staff in various cadres are not being effected at present.

(e) & (f) In view of the reply `d`, it does not arise.

