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LOK SABHA**

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STD FACILITY ON FIXED LINE PHONES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether fixed line phones can get STD facility only on payment of securing deposit of fixed amount;
- (b) whether it is proposed to do away with this practice;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

- (a) Yes, Sir. However, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited subscribers of local fixed line phone can make STD calls within the Circle i.e. on `95` level, or can make STD calls from non STD phone by use of `Virtual Calling Cards` without any additional security deposit.
- (b) No, Sir.
- (c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.
- (d) Telephone billing of subscriber having STD is generally higher. In order to recover these dues in case of non-payment by subscriber, security deposit is necessary.