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POLICY ON BROADBAND INTERNET PENETRATION
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to push broadband and internet penetration with focus to provide faster connectivity at lower prices suggested by TRAI;
- (b) if so, whether any concrete policy in this regard has been worked out by the Government; and
- (c) if so, the extent to which the new policy is likely to attract new investment, create job opportunities and provide access to new and improved services?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has submitted recommendations on accelerating growth of Internet and Broadband penetration to the Government. It is premature to evaluate its likely impact on new investment, job opportunities and quality of service.