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CDOT 256 EXCHANGES IN LADAKH
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether most of the CDOT 256 exchanges installed in Ladakh are being run and managed by untrained and temporary staff;
- (b) if so, whether there have been resentment and widespread complaint about their functioning;
- (c) if so, whether the Government has initiated any action to solve the problem;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

- (a) There are 29 stations having 33 exchanges of C-DOT 256 type in Ladakh region (Leh SSA). Out of these, 21 stations are manned and managed by departmental trained staff and 8 stations are managed by departmental trained group exchange staff, on need basis. However, security guards/IAF personnel are available in these 8 exchanges for running engine alternators and meeting other exigencies.
- (b) No, Sir.
- (c) to (e): Do not arise in view of (b) above.