GOVERNMENT OF INDIA COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1487 ANSWERED ON:03.03.2006 COMMUNICATION SERVICES UNDER A SINGLE NETWORK Patle Shri Shishupal Natthu;Shiwankar Shri Maha Deo Rao

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

- (a) whether the Government is considering a scheme to start all telecommunication services under one network as reported in the Rashtriya Sahara dated January 13, 2006;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to start Integrated Licence System;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the objectives of the scheme; and
- (e) the time by which the said service of one network is likely to be accorded approval?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) is in the process of consultation with various stakeholders on the issues related to Next Generation Network (NGN).
- (c) to (e) On 13.01.2005, TRAI has submitted its recommendation on Unified Licencing Regime to enable a licensee to provide any or all telecom services by acquiring a single license. The recommendations are under consideration.