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INTERCONNECTION BETWEEN CELLULAR OPERATORS

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

- (a) whether cellular operators have blamed TRAI for not doing enough to ensure effective interconnection between operators, resulting in the decline in quality of services;
- (b) if so, the facts thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government has taken any steps to solve various problems of cellular operators in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) According to Cellular Operators the various efforts made by TRAI have been unsuccessful or ineffective due to various reasons.

(c) & (d) Interconnection provisioning is a continuous process. The Government has asked Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited and telecom operators to take various steps which inter-alia include to hold regular review meetings, streamlining of the procedure for provisioning of Points of Interconnections (POIs) in time bound manner, to provide forecast for demand of POIs in advance to enable Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. to plan necessary equipment so as to reduce the cases of technical non-feasibility.