

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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TELECOM FACILITIES TO RURAL AND URBAN AREAS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the new facilities available in the communication sector have been limited to metropolitan cities and small towns of the country;
- (b) if not, the analysis of the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government has considered measures to remove the anomaly in communication facilities provided to rural and urban areas; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which these are likely to be implemented?

Answer

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

(a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) As per available information, various service providers are deploying state-of-art technologies according to their commercial decisions in rural and urban areas of the country. Universal Service Obligation Fund has also been set to facilitate expansion of telecommunications network in rural areas.