GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:437
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IMPORT OF SECOND HAND TELECOM CAPITAL GOODS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has permitted import of second hand telecom capital goods;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the extent to which the import of second hand telecom capital goods has affected quality of services;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the value of second hand telecom capital goods imported during the last three years?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 437 FOR 25TH AUGUST, 2004 REGARDING IMPORT OF SECOND HAND TELECOM CAPITAL GOODS.

(a) & (b) Import of second hand capital goods upto 10 years old except second hand personal computers, laptops, photo-copier machines, air-conditioners, diesel generating sets etc. is governed by the Export & Import Policy announced by Ministry of Commerce and Industry annually and is permitted on a case to case basis by an inter-ministerial committee in Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

(c) & (d) Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has notified regulations on Quality of Service (QoS) for various services specifying the minimum standards of OoS parameters and the services provided by telecom service operators are monitored by TRAI with reference to above parameters. TRAI brings out quarterly report regarding QoS rendered by various Service providers. As per report of TRAI, there is no nexus between use of second hand capital goods and present level of Quality of Service.

(e) The data for the imported second hand telecom capital goods is not separately maintained by Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, who are responsible for maintenance of import data.