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DEVELOPMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATION MARKET
Singh Shri Sitaram

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

- (a) Whether India is one of the most developing Telecommunication market in the world;
- (b) if so, whether there is any possibility to include cellular market of India in the larger group of Asia-Pacific market after China and Japan;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps being contemplated to improve the Telecommunication sector of the country?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes, Sir. India is among the fast growing markets in the world in the Telecom Sector.
- (b)&(c) There is possibility of a greater role if manufacture of Telecom equipment is stepped up.
- (d) Steps are being taken to improve the following aspects of the telecommunication sector in the country:-
 - i) Improving rural connectivity.
 - ii) Increased penetration of Internet and Broadband.
 - iii) Ensuring provision of adequate spectrum to operators.