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TELE DENSITY IN URBAN AND RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the target fixed for tele-density by the year 2010 in the country;
- (b) whether the said target has been achieved by December, 2007;
- (c) whether the consumer percentage of tele-density is equal in the rural and urban areas;and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, percentage-wise, in rural and urban areas separately?

Answer

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

- (a) As per National Telecom Policy (NTP) 1999, a target of 15 % was fixed for tele-density in the country by the year 2010.
- (b) Yes, Sir. The tele-density as on 31st December 2007 was 23.89 %.
- (c) & (d) No, Sir. The tele-density in rural and urban areas as on 31st December 2007 was about 8.35 % and 61.25% respectively.