

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
LOK SABHA**

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RESTART OF TELEPHONE EXCHANGES  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government proposes to restart the telephone exchanges and reinstal the mobile towers damaged by naxalites in naxalite affected areas of Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) At Yelchil, microwave repeater and powerplant etc was burnt by naxalites which affected the telecom services including the landlines, WLL and GSM mobile at Etapalli Short Distance Switching Area (SDCA). Tower was intact but restoration of repeater by providing replacement of power plant and microwave equipment was not advised by the state administration at same location.

All the telecom services for Etapalli SDCA have now been restored by providing microwave tower, microwave repeater equipment at Perimili.