

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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INTRODUCTION OF HANDY TELEPHONE INSTRUMENTS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to introduce latest, modern and handy telephone instruments like private companies' instruments throughout the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) The Government telecom operators viz Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited. (MTNL) provide latest technology hand sets as per Telecommunication Engineering Centre (TEC) Generic Requirement (GR) to their customers for the Land Line telephones as well as Code Division Multiple Access (CDMA) based telephone services wherever there is demand for such terminals.

Telephone instruments for GSM cellular mobile service are not provided by these companies and are required to be purchased by customers only.

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) and (b) above.