

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FUNDS TO MTNL
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to provide some additional funds to Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) to provide communication facilities during the Commonwealth Games in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the names of the areas wherein the services are likely to be expanded by MTNL?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT)

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. Government of India is funding to the tune of Rs.182 crore through Ministry of Sports. MTNL is further negotiating to receive Rs.30 crore from Ministry of Home Affairs and Rs.73 crore from Organizing Committee, Commonwealth Games, 2010 for providing exclusive and dedicated communications facilities and services.

(c) MTNL is setting up three networks as below:

- (i) Games Data Network (GDN) for running various games applications like ticketing, internet and entertainment, health service, hospitality, transport services, time and scoring etc.
- (ii) Security Data Network (SDN) to meet security requirement and applications of security agencies like Delhi Police, IB etc.
- (iii) Broadcast Video Network (BVM) for transmitting the live coverage in High Definition Uncompressed mode from different games venues to International Broadcast Center at Pragati Maidan for meeting the requirements of host broadcaster and right holders' broadcasters.