GOVERNMENT OF INDIA COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3717 ANSWERED ON:19.04.2010 STREAMLINING OF TELECOM FACILITIES Pandey Shri Ravindra Kumar

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

(a) whether the Government has recovered five per cent of the total income of all telecom operators to streamline the telecommunications facilities in rural areas:

(b) if so, the amount recovered by the Government from each telecom operator in the country particularly in Jharkhand during the last three years;

(c) the amount spent by the Government to streamline telecommunication facilities in proportion to the amount recovered from Telecom Operators in the country particularly in Jharkhand during the said period, and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. A statement indicating the amount of Licence Fee (including 5% USOF Levy) recovered by the Government from each telecom operator in the country during the last three years is given in Annexure-I. There is no separate licence area for Jharkhand which is a part of Bihar Circle for this purpose. The amount recovered from each Telecom operator by the Government in the State of Bihar including Jharkhand is given in Annexure-II.

(c) & (d): Detailed statements indicating the amount spent by the Government to streamline telecommunication facilities in the country including Jharkhand during the last three years are given in Annexure-III to Annexure-VI.