

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

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DELAY IN TELECOM PROJECTS  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether many communication projects are lagging behind their schedule resulting in huge cost overruns;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to check delays in completion of the said projects?

**Answer**

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

(a) No, Sir. However, some projects are awarded through tenders on turnkey basis due to which there is no escalation in their cost in case the projects are not completed in time. Further, most of the projects are put in commercial use as soon as critical requirements are met. However, closure of such projects gets delayed due to some pending issues.

(b) & (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.