GOVERNMENT OF INDIA COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:283 ANSWERED ON:16.03.2011 INDIGENOUS MANUFACTURING OF EQUIPMENT Abdulrahman Shri ;Ahir Shri Hansraj Gangaram

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

(a) the details of the indigenous production and import of telecom equipment during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has sought the views of various stakeholders for promoting manufacture and research and development of telecom equipment;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the response of the various stakeholders thereon; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to manufacture telecom equipment of international standards in the country so as to meet the demand indigenously and also for exports?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 283 FOR 16TH MARCH, 2011 REGARDING "INDIGENOUS MANUFACTURING OF EQUIPMENT".

(a) The indigenous production and import of telecom equipment during each of the last three years and the current year is as under:

Sl No. Year Production Import
@(in Rs. Crore) # (In Rs. Crore)

1. 2007-08 41270 36256 2. 2008-09 48800 46809 3. 2009-10 51000 42444 4. 2010-11 53275 23167 (estimate) (April-October, provisional 2011)

Source: @ Telecom Equipment Manufacturers Association (TEMA)

Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCI&S)

(b) Yes, Madam. TRAI has issued a consultation paper titled "Encouraging Telecom Equipment Manufacturing in India" on 28th December, 2010 seeking views of various stakeholders.

(c) A brief on views sought from stakeholders and their response are given in Annexure-A.

(d) The steps taken/being taken by the Government to manufacture and export telecom equipment are given in Annexure-B.