

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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TELECOM FINANCE CORPORATION  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up Telecom Finance Corporation to meet the financial requirements of telecom sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the action taken in this regard so far; and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to give infrastructure status to telecom sector?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI MILIND DEORA)

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) The Working Group on the Telecom Sector for the 12th Five Year Plan (2012-2017) has recommended that Telecom Finance Corporation may be created as a vehicle to access funds at competitive rates to facilitate the funding needs of the Telecom Sector, in case of a requirement. Also, Draft New Telecom Policy-2011 has envisaged creation of a Telecom Finance Corporation as a vehicle to mobilize and channelize financing for telecom projects

(c) The above recommendation, of the Working Group on the Telecom Sector for the 12th Five Year Plan, is under consideration of the government.

(d) The Working Group on the Telecom Sector for the 12 Year Plan as well as Draft New New Telecom Policy (NTP)-2011 have recommended to declare Telecom Sector as Infrastructure Sector(both wireless and wireline). It has also been proposed to provide all the benefits available to infrastructure sectors to telecom sector also, in order to realize the true potential of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) for development.