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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government has undertaken the modernisation work in Rural Telephone Sector in the country including Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details of the progress made in this regard during the current year; and
- (c) the benefits likely to be accrued to the said work in the rural areas of the country?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Yes Sir. The details of the modernization work undertaken by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited in Rural Telephone Sector in the country including Madhya Pradesh is given in the Annexure.

(c) The modernization work in Telecom Sector in rural areas of the country will result in better telecom connectivity and services in these areas thereby leading to improved socio- economic activity.