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RESOLVING ISSUES RELATED TO TELECOM
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated an action plan to resolve major issues/ disputes related to telecom in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken and results achieved in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) & (b) The comprehensive action plan of the Department of Telecommunications aims to address the issues in the telecom sector. These issues are broadly classified as related to policy strategies, Broadband strategy, Telecom Infrastructure Development, licensing & regulatory issues, management of spectrum, and strategy for Revival of Public Sector Undertakings.

(c) Some action points like identifying connectivity gaps in remote areas, strategic regions and along highways, drawing a strategy to increase rural penetration, report on Electromagnetic Fields (EMF) radiation, award of project for mobile connectivity in Left Wing Extremism affected areas at an estimated cost of Rs.3567.58 crores, approval of comprehensive plan for North East area at an estimated cost of Rs.5336.18 crores, etc. have been implemented. The comprehensive action plan is being monitored in the Department.