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

(a) whether the meeting of SAARC working group on Telecommunications and Information and Communications Technology was recently held in Delhi; and

(b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Madam. The Fourth Meeting of the Working Group on Telecommunications and Information and Communication Technology was held in New Delhi during 26-27 March 2015.

(b) Delegates from all SAARC Member States attended the Meeting. Apart from officers from the Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of External Affairs, SAARC Secretariat, representatives from industry also participated.

The meeting discussed mechanisms and structures for cooperation in, among others, reduction of call rates among SAARC countries, upgradation of national and regional telecom infrastructure, cross border interference of radio signals, issues of common concern on international telecommunication arena and cooperation in development projects including space technology.