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Accidents in Installation/ Operation of Towers
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the incidents of fatal accident have been reported in connection with installation and operation of mobile towers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State and Operator-wise;
- (c) whether an incident of electrocution occurred in Lucknow while setting up a tower, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the action taken by the Government against the telecom service providers and steps taken to provide compensation to the victim family?

Answer

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

(a), (b) & (d) Madam, as per information collected from Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) and different Telecom Enforcement, Resource & Monitoring (TERM) Cells, one incident of fatal accident has been reported in Assam in connection with installation and operation of mobile towers during last year 2014 and current year 2015 (upto 30.09.2015)

The case pertains to M/s Idea Cellular Limited in which one site security guard met with an accident during site installation in Assam and lost his life.

As reported by M/s Idea Cellular Limited, M/s Ericsson, the concerned vendor, has been sensitized to take utmost care during site installations. Strict instructions have been given to Installation Vendors to follow all prescribed safety norms in terms of using Helmets & Safety Belts during Site Installation (applicable for all persons available at site). It was also advised that only qualified and competent persons should handle electrical equipments. M/s Ericsson paid compensation of Rs. 100,000/- to the victim's kin with mutual consent.

(c) No such incident of electrocution while setting up a tower in Lucknow has been reported by any TSP to DoT during last year 2014 and current year 2015(upto 30.09.2015).