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Title: Need to provide an alternate satellite media for restoring telecommunication services in Ladakh region of Jammu & Kashmir.

SHRI CHHEWANG THUPSTAN (LADAKH): The services of BSNL like Mobile, WLL, Broadband and leased lines in entire Ladakh region are severely affected due to damage caused to optic fiber cable between Zojila Pass and Drass. BSNL is not able to restore OFC Media for at least two months as the area is covered under thick blanket of snow and, as such, inaccessible till Leh-Srinagar highway gets opened. The people in the region are agitated and demanding immediate restoration by making alternate arrangements. It is requested that adequate Satellite media be provided as an alternate media to restore telecom services in Ladakh. This should be done immediately on top priority basis so that services like Broadband, WLL and Mobile could be restored. I also demand that dedicated mobile MSC for Leh may be sanctioned and installed on top priority. Needless to mention that Ladakh is a very sensitive Border region and disruption in telecom services is also affecting Defence services which needs to be viewed seriously.

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