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Title: Statement regarding correcting answer given to Unstarred Question No. 3968 dated 20th April, 2005 in relation to Local Call Dialling Facility and reason for delay in correcting the reply.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): Mr. Speaker, Sir, in reply to the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.3968 on 20th April, 2005 regarding "Local Call Dialling Facility", a mistake had crept in inadvertently.

Replies given in respect of part (a) to (d) of the answer may be amended to read as under:

(a) to (d) Sir, Inter Service Area connectivity between access providers in the State of Maharashtra comprising of Mumbai Metro and Maharashtra Telecom Service areas, Tamil Nadu comprising of Chennai Metro and Tamil Nadu Telecom service areas, Kolkata comprising of Kolkata Metro and West Bengal Telecom service areas and Uttar Pradesh comprising of UP East and UP West service areas has been permitted with effect from 20th May 2005. This means that "fixed to mobile and mobile to mobile calls" within the same State will not need '0' to be dialed. Such calls between UP and Uttaranchal can also be made in the same way because Uttaranchal is part of UP (West) Service area.

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