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Title : Need to publish telephone directory in Madurai Telecom District, Tamil Nadu.

SHRIN.S.V. CHITTHAN (DINDIGUL): In Tamil Nadu, Madurai Telecom District of the BSNL Department comprises of Madurai, Dindigul and Theni Revenue Districts. There are nearly 2,30,000 telephone connections in this telecom district. The annual revenue from the above telephone connections is more than Rs.150 crore.

I would like to point out that the Telephone Directory in that district has not been published since 1998. In the absence of a Directory, it is very difficult for a subscriber or the general public to find out the telephone number of another subscriber whether he is an individual or Government office or public sector undertaking.

Though anybody can contact the Toll free telephone number 198 to find out a particular number, at times it is difficult to get connection from 198 and the common man also does not know the usage of this number.

The telecom sector is a highly competitive sector now-a-days and at a time when more and more facilities are being extended, it is not fair and just to withdraw the schemes, which were in vogue for a long time.

Hence, I request the hon. Minister of Communications and Information Technology, through this august House, to take necessary steps and arrange to publish the Telephone Directory not only in Madurai District but also in other districts wherever it is necessary. If needed a nominal fee may be collected from the subscribers as done for Railway Time Table.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Shri Harisinh Chavda – Not present[\[m29\]](#).