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Title : Need to improve and augment telecommunication services in Ladakh, J & K.

SHRI CHHEWANG THUPSTAN (LADAKH): The telecommunication services in the sensitive border region of Ladakh is going from bad to worse. Both BSNL mobile service and land line services have not been functioning properly. Ladakh has received maximum number of foreign and domestic tourists this year but due to poor services of the telecommunication system there have been lots of complaints from tourists as well as local consumers. The upgradation process of mobile and land line system, laying of OFC and installation of WLL are getting delayed. The telecommunication department in Ladakh is functioning with less than 50% of staff as no fresh recruitment are being made nor official are being posted there. There is urgent need to fill up all the vacant post and create sufficient posts to improve services. Locating main switching system at Leh from Jammu is needed to be approved on priority. Also upgradation of BSNL mobile in relaxation of norms needs to be approved. I request Hon'ble Minister to address the grievances on priority and also depute team of senior officials to assess the problems and suggest remedial measures.

12.07 hrs.