Title: Need to install more telephone network towers of BSNL in Namakkal, Tamil Nadu.

SHRIMATI K. RANI (RASIPURAM): Sir, I would like to bring the following matter of urgent public importance to the notice of the hon. Minister of Information Technology.

In Namakkal, due to non-installation of tower by BSNL, both pre-paid and post-paid connections are not being given to the public.[R17]

Though adequate infrastructure to have the tower is already ready, the `mobile equipment' or the `exchange equipment' is not received from the Government for installation at the mobile site for the last two years, due to which, the BSNL or the Department loses revenue since people get connection from the private companies.

Another drawback with the connections in the BSNL or MTNL network is that quite often people get some standard messages like 'error in network connection' etc. which is not the case with the private players, with the result we are not able to make even normal calls, what to talk about emergency calls.

I request the hon. Minister of Information Technology to kindly look into the matter and sort out these problems.

12.26 hrs.

MATTERS UNDER RULE 377*

MR. SPEAKER: Matters under Rule 377 listed for the day may be treated as laid on the Table of the House.